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# ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1873.

Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.		SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.		
New Moon.	Full Moon.	Ram.	Lion.	Bowman.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Saturn.	♀ Venus.		
First Quarter.	Last Quarter.	Bull.	Virgin.	Goat.	$\frac{1}{4}$ Jupiter.	☿ Mercury.		
		Twins.	Balance.	Waterman	♂ Mars.	☽ Moon.		
		Cancer.	Scorpion.	Fishes.	○ Sun.	♃ Herschel.		

◆ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.

⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.

⊗ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

## The Latin Names of the Signs of the Zodiac are:

Aries (Ram), Taurus (Bull), Gemini (Twins), Cancer (Crab), Leo (Lion), Virgo (Virgin), Libra (Balance), Scorpio (Scorpion), Sagittarius (Bowman), Capricornus (Goat), Aquarius (Waterman), Pisces (Fishes),

## CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, E.—Golden Number or Lunar Cycle, 12.—Epact, 1.—Solar Cycle, 6.—Roman Indiction, 1.—Julian Period, 6586.

The Jewish Era commences with their year 5634, September 22d, 1873.

The Mohmamedan Era commences with their year 1290, March 1, 1873.

## MOVEABLE FEASTS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 9.	Palm Sunday, April 6.	Trinity Sunday, June 8.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 23.	Easter Sunday, April 13.	Corpus Christi, June 12.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25.	Ascension Day, May 22.	First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 30.
Ash Wednesday, February 26.	Whit Sunday, June 1.	Sundays after Trinity are 24.

## EMBER DAYS.

March 5.

June 4.

September 17.

December 17.

## CARDINAL POINTS.

### SOLAR TIME.

Vernal Equinox, the 20th of March, at 7 o'clock, 50 min. morning.

Summer Solstice, " 21st " June, " 4 " 22 " "

Autumnal Equinox, 22d " Sept. " 5 " 33 " evening.

Winter Solstice, 21st " Dec. " 12 " 30 " afternoon.

Moon (☽) is called the Governing Planet this year.

## ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1873

There will be four Eclipses, two of the Sun, and two of the Moon.

The first is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, May 12th, 6 o'clock, 20 min. in the morning. Invisible here, except at 4 o'clock, 30 min. in the morning, the commencement. Will be more visible in the Western States.

The second is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 26th, 4 o'clock, 5 min. in the morning. Invisible here; visible in Europe, and the North Pole.

The third is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, November 4th, 10 o'clock, 50 min. in the forenoon; therefore invisible here.

The fourth is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, November 19th, 10 o'clock, 28 min. in the evening, consequently invisible here; visible on the Southern Ocean; and towards the South Pole.

# JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	○
Wednesday	1 New Year.	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	7 34	2 14	○ in Perigee ♂ ♀ ☽	4 7 23 4 37 20			
Thursday	2 Martyrs H. Script	Phil. 2: 1-11	8 49	2 29	♀ gr. sets 7 36	4 7 23 4 37 21			
Friday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12-19	9 59	3 14	♂ rises 12 10	5 7 23 4 37 22			
Saturday	4 Titus	Eph. 3:	11 9	3 28	♀ rises 8 53	5 7 22 4 38 23			

1] Sunday after New Year, Luke 2: 33-40; Rom. 6: 12-18. Day's Length, 9 hours 16 min.

Sunday	5 Simeon	John 1: 29-34	morn.	11	5th. ♀ gr. E. W. cst	6 7 22 4 38 24
Monday	6 Epiphany	" 1: 38-51	12 18	24	♀ rises 6 26	6 7 21 4 39 25
Tuesday	7 Widukind	" 2:	1 19	6	Rigel south 9 50	7 7 21 4 39 26
Wednesday	8 Severinus	" 3:	2 21	18	Sirius south 11 20	7 7 20 4 40 27
Thursday	9 Catharine Zell	" 4:	3 24	0	Orion south 10 24	8 7 19 4 41 28
Friday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 5:	4 29	11	♂ ♀ rises	8 7 19 4 41 29
Saturday	11 Fructuosus	" 6: 1-25	5 33	23	♂ rises 12	8 7 18 4 42 30

2] 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 24 min.

Sunday	12 Jean Chastellain	John 6: 26-71	6 39	5	♀ sets 8 0	9 7 18 4 42 31
Monday	13 Hilary	" 7:	D rises	17	13th. ☐ N. ☐ ♂ n ☐	9 7 17 4 43 J
Tuesday	14 Felix	" 8: 1-20	5 40	28	☽ ♂ H. Alde.s. 8 42	9 7 16 4 44 2
Wednesday	15 John de Laski	" 8: 21-50	6 20	11	D in apo. Spica rises 12 4	10 7 15 4 45 3
Thursday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 9:	7 16	23	♂ D ♀ . ♀ rises 7 58	10 7 14 4 46 4
Friday	17 Anthony	" 10: 1-21	8 12	6	□ ☐ Capella so. 9 8	10 7 14 4 46 5
Saturday	18 John Blackader	" 10: 22-42	9 10	18	Regulus rises 7 14	11 7 13 4 47 6

3] 2d Sunday after Epiphany, John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. Day's Length, 9 hours, 36 min.

Sunday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	Mark 1: 1-20	10 14	2	Sirius south 10 34	11 7 12 4 48 7
Monday	20 Fabian	" 1: 21-45	11 18	15	○ enters ☽	11 7 11 4 49 8
Tuesday	21 Agnes	" 2:	morn.	28	21st. ♂ ☽ ☽ 11 58	12 7 11 4 49 9
Wednesday	22 Vincent	" 3: 1-19	12 26	11	Rigel south 8 50	12 7 10 4 50 10
Thursday	23 Isaiah	" 3: 20-35	1 36	25	♂ H. ☐. ♀ sets 8 16	12 7 9 4 51 11
Friday	24 Timothy	" 4:	2 42	10	♀. ♀ rises 7 30	12 7 8 4 52 12
Saturday	25 Paul's Conver.	" 5: 6: 1-6	3 56	25	7* south 7 8	13 7 7 1 53 13

4] 3d Sunday after Epiphany, Matthew 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21. Day's Length, 9 hours 48 min.

Sunday	26 Polycarp	Mark 6: 7-29	5 8	10	Sirius south 10 6	13 7 6 4 54 14
Monday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 6: 30-56	6 16	25	D ♂ ♀ ☽ in Aphe-	13 7 5 4 55 15
Tuesday	28 Charlemagne	" 7: 1-23	D sets.	9	28th. D in per.	13 7 4 4 56 16
Wednesday	29 Juventin	" 7: 24-37	6 12	24	Arctur rises 10 6	13 7 3 4 57 17
Thursday	30 Henry Müller	" 8:	7 26	8	♂ ♀ ☽. ♂ rises 11 40	14 7 2 4 58 18
Friday	31 Hans Sachs	" 9:	8 36	28	♂ D ♀. ♀ sets 8 26	14 7 1 4 59 19

(\*) Saturn is the 13th, in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

### MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 5th day, 4 o'clock, 25 min. Morning.

Full Moon, 13th " 11 " 20 " Forenoon.

Last Quarter, 21st " 3 " 28 " Evening.

New Moon, 28th " 12 " 25 " Afternoon.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cold; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, cold; 9, rain and snow; 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, snow; 16, 17, clear and cold; 18, 19, rain and snow; 20, 21, N. W. cold; 22, 23, coldest days; 24, 25, 26, moderate; 27, 28, 29, rain and snow; 30, 31, fair.

## GAMBLING AT CHURCH FAIRS.

The "American Agriculturist" says: "Lotteries of any kind in or for churches, asylums or otherwise, are worthy of the severest condemnation."

Another writer says: "All the modern ways of raising money by church fairs, suppers, raffles, grab-boxes, fish-ponds, the post-office, &c., &c., are unchristian, yea fraudulent. They are devices and temptations of the devil, and Christians should have nothing to do with them."

In fact this is the solemn voice of all Churches. It is only congregations that practice and justify the abomination.

Bishop Kip of the Episcopal Church, says of church fairs:—They are intended to extort from the public money for Church purposes, which would not be given from proper religious motives. Every social blandishment is held out to fascinate the purchaser, and induce him, often against his judgment, to contribute. Thus the very foundation of Christian charity is undermined. That is based upon self-denial—giving for Christ's sake what subjects us to self-sacrifice. But these practices hold out inducements to men to give, until, at last, they will not contribute even to a holy cause, unless they receive some compensation. Thus the community becomes demoralized on a most vital principle of Christian life. The whole of this system, brethren, is sinful, and has been practised to an extent which has brought disgrace upon the cause of religion.

## FRIDAY AN UNLUCKY DAY.

So some people say. Let us see. On Friday Columbus sailed on his voyage of discovery, and on Friday he first discovered land. On Friday (Feb. 22d, 1732), Washington was born; Bunker Hill was seized and fortified; Saratoga surrendered (leading France to espouse our Cause); Arnold's treason was discovered; Yorktown surrendered; Independence was declared by the Colonial Congress; and a hundred other great events in American civil history, to say nothing of a long list found also in our Ecclesiastical history. Friday unlucky! It is not only untrue, but also a reproach to the providence of God. If any day were better than another, that day must be Friday itself, because on it our Lord made atonement for the sins of the world.

## THE SONS OF THE RICH FOR THE MINISTRY.

We need more ministers. Though some are idle, and others not in the active work of their office, this is not because they are not needed. Keep this great thought before you, that the Church needs your sons for the Ministry, and Christ is calling them.

Especially is He calling the sons of the rich; they have the same qualifications both of head and heart, as the poor, and are equally bound to practise whatever self-denial may be involved in consecrating themselves to this holy office. Though the poor are educated by the Church, from the Beneficiary fund, this by no means excuses young men of wealth, but all the more loudly calls them to the work, inasmuch as they would not need the funds of the Church.

How can you lead your sons to the ministry? By sacredly consecrating them to the work in your own hearts, prayers and plans; by teaching them the meaning and solemnity of such a consecration; by teaching them the need of an increased ministry, and the nature of their call to it; and by showing them how much better it is to work thus for the Lord, than in a merely worldly office.

## JOHN CALVIN ON CONFIRMATION.

Although he did not practise it in the Church at Geneva (which he afterwards regretted), yet he confessed its primitive origin and its value, as may be seen in his Institutes, Book 4th, §§ 4—13: He says:—

"It was an ancient custom in the Church for the children of Christians, after they were come to years of discretion, to be presented to the bishop, in order to fulfil that duty which was required of adults, who offered themselves to baptism, \* \* \* a confession of faith before the Church.

"That this exercise, which deserved to be regarded as sacred and solemn, might have the greater dignity and reverence, they also practise the ceremony of *imposition of hands*.

"This custom is frequently mentioned by the ancient writers. Such imposition of hands as is simply connected with benediction *I highly approve, and wish it were now restored to its primitive use, uncorrupted by superstition.*"

# FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. 3.	Moon's Place. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. Sun sl. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets m. h. m.	O
Saturday	1 Ignatius	Mark 10: 1-31	9 44	6	♀ in ♐ orion so. 8 52	14 6 59	5	120
5]	4th Sunday after Epiphany,	Matthew 8: 23-27; Rom. 13: 1-7.	Day's Length, 10 hours 4 min.					
Sunday	2 Candle Mass	Matt. 3:	10 49	19	♀ rises 6 56	14 6 58	5	221
Monday	3 Ansgar	" 4: 1-22	11 51	2	Sirius south 9 32	14 6 57	5	322
Tuesday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 4: 23-5: 1-12	morn.	14	4th. ♀ sets 8 40	14 6 56	5	423
Wednesday	5 P. S. Spener	" 5: 13-32	12 50	26	Arctur rises 9 40	14 6 55	5	524
Thursday	6 Amandus	" 5: 33-48	1 51	8	♂ Antares rises 3 38	14 6 54	5	625
Friday	7 George Wagner	" 6:	2 49	20	Rigel south 7 44	14 6 53	5	726
Saturday	8 Maria Andreas	" 7:	3 47	2	♂ rises 11 24	15 6 52	5	827
6]	Septuagesima Sunday,	Matth. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-27; 10: 1-5.	Day's Length, 10 h. 18 min.					
Sunday	9 John Hooper	Luke 3:	4 41	18	Spica rises 10 22	15 6 51	5	928
Monday	10 F. C. Oettinger	" 4:	5 32	25	♂ ♀ II Procyon so. 9 56	15 6 49	5	1129
Tuesday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 5:	6 19	7	♂ in apo.	12 0	15 6 48	5 1230
Wednesday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 6: 1-19	♂ rises	20	12th. ♂ ♀ ♁ so.	15 6 47	5	1331
Thursday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 6: 20-49	6 16	3	♀ sets 8 56	15 6 45	5	15 F
Friday	14 Brun of Querfurt	" 7:	7 4	16	♂ ♁ ♀. 7* south 5 52	14 6 44	5	16 2
Saturday	15 Jacob Von Loh	" 8:	8 10	29	Regulus south 12 6	14 6 43	5	17 3
7]	Sexagesima Sunday,	Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19; 12: 9.	Day's Length, 10 hours, 36 min.					
Sunday	16 Matth. Desubas	Luke 9: 1-36	9 16	12	Andromeda sets 9 50	14 6 42	5	18 4
Monday	17 Pat. Hamilton	" 9: 37-62	10 22	25	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	14 6 41	5	19 5
Tuesday	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 10:	11 33	8	♂ ♀ ♁ . ♂ rises 11 10	14 6 39	5	21 6
Wednesday	19 Mesrob	" 11: 1-36	morn.	22	○ enters ♀	14 6 38	5	22 7
Thursday	20 Sadoth	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	12 42	6	20th. ♀ ♁ so. 11 34	14 6 37	5	23 8
Friday	21 Mainrad	" 12: 13-59	1 54	20	♂ ♂ ○ Superior	14 6 35	5	25 9
Saturday	22 Washington B.	" 13: 1-21	3 3	5	♀ gr. Elong East	14 6 34	5	26 10
8]	Quinquagesima Sunday,	Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13.	Day's Length, 10 hours, 54 min.					
Sunday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	Luke 13: 22-35	4 8	19	♀ sets 9 12	14 6 33	5	27 11
Monday	24 Matthias	" 14:	5 4	4	♀ ♀ N. N. rises 5 2 m.	13 6 32	5	28 12
Tuesday	25 Shrove Tuesday	" 15:	5 51	19	♂ rises 10 59	13 6 31	5	29 13
Wednesday	26 Ash Wednesday	" 16:	♂ sets.	3	26th. ♀ in per.	13 6 29	5	31 14
Thursday	27 Martin Bucer	" 17: 1-19	6 10	17	♂ ♂ ♀. ♁ so. 11 12	13 6 28	5	32 15
Friday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 17: 20-37	7 24	0	Sirius south 7 54	13 6 27	5	33 16

(♀) Venus will be Evening Star till the 5th of May, 12 o'clock, 50 min. Afternoon, then Morning Star to the end of the year.

(♀) Jupiter is the 14th in opposition with the Sun, nearest to the earth, and shines all night.

#### MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th day, 5 o'clock, 3 min. Morning.

Full Moon, 12th " 6 " 31 " " "

Last Quarter, 20th " 6 " 32 " " "

New Moon, 26th " 10 " 20 " Evening.

#### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable with snow; 3, 4, 5, N. W. cold; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, snow; 10, 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, snow; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, N. W. cold; 19, 20, very cold; 21, 22, moderate; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, 26, variable with rain; 27, 28, fair.

**HISTORY OF OUR PUBLICATION OPERATIONS.**

Our Church published nothing before 1805, and then only the "Synodal Ordnung" adopted in 1793. In 1817 Synod began publishing her minutes; first only in German, but from 1825 in both languages.

In 1828 the "Magazine of the German Reformed Church" was published, monthly, by the Board of Missions, in Carlisle, Pa. In 1829 it was transferred with the Theological Seminary to York, Pa. After three years it became a monthly quarto newspaper, called "The Messenger of the German Reformed Church." In 1834 it was published semi-monthly. In July 1835 it was transferred to Chambersburg, Pa., and published as a weekly folio sheet, called "The Weekly Messenger," with Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck as Editor.

In 1835 Rev. Dr. Schneck started a German paper called "Der Christliche Herold," and in 1836 Rev. J. C. Guldin, "Der Evangelische Zeitschrift." In 1837 both papers were transferred to the Board of Missions, and merged into one called "Der Christliche Zeitschrift," edited by Rev. Samuel Gutelius.

In 1840 begins a new Era. Before this, the Church publications were furnished by individuals and outside parties; but now the Church founded the Printing Establishment, in Chambersburg, Pa. At this date Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher was associated with Rev. Dr. Schneck as Editor of the "Weekly Messenger," and the latter became Editor of the "Christliche Zeitschrift."

The Printing Establishment, now publishing its own Hymn Books, Catechisms, and Periodicals, grew in importance and responsibility, until the Board of Missions could no longer properly carry the trust; and Synod, in 1844, organized a Board of Publication, which, in a few years, for want of an actual business head, became deeply involved and virtually insolvent.

At this point (1848) the firm of M. Kieffer & Co.—how familiar the name sounds!—took hold of the Printing Establishment, property and liabilities, and brought order out of confusion, prosperity out of insolvency, and carried Synod's Publication interests for fifteen years (to 1863). The "Weekly Messenger" became "The German Reformed Messenger," and the "Christliche Zeitschrift" became the "Reformierte Kirchenzeitung."

M. Kieffer & Co., at the expiration of their sc-

ond lease, having transferred the Printing Establishment back to Synod, a newly elected Publication Board met and organized in Chambersburg, in January 1864, with Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher as business head. With a splendid building, enlarged facilities, and everything on solid basis, the Board had bright hopes of success.

Alas! "How many a slip 'twixt cup and lip!" In July 1864 Chambersburg was burnt by the rebels, and our fine Publication House was laid in ashes, at a loss of nearly \$50,000. Nothing was saved but a few stereotype plates and the main account books.

This calamity led to an immediate transfer of the whole Publication interest to No. 54 North 6th St., Philadelphia, where it has been ever since Sept. 1864. The Publication Board owns no property, but has moveable assets three times as great as its debts. It has no endowment, and at present receives no contributions from the Church; yet it does all her publishing, and keeps her head above water. Why does not our Church act wisely as some other Churches, and give her Board of Publication annual collections, or aid in some other form, and so increase its efficiency?

**OUR NATIONAL CURSE.**

It is drunkenness. It annually destroys 100,000 lives, besides bringing disease, crime, misery, orphanage, agony and nameless horrors to hundreds of thousands more. Over \$700,000,000 are yearly spent for drink.

Every grog shop is a direct enemy of Church, School, Family and State. We have more than four dram shops to one school; and 570,000 persons are employed in making and selling this liquid poison, while only 150,000 are ministers and school teachers. Surely all good people should work together against such a deadly enemy of all that is good.

**INFANT BAPTISM.**

Some people neglect the baptism of their child until it is sick, perhaps very sick. *Query:* Does a sick child need baptism more than a well one? "But it may die," you say. May not the other? Besides, we baptize our children, not because they are going to die, but because they are going to live. They need the grace of God for living, as well as for dying.

**MARCH,**

**3d Month, 31 Days.**

**1873.**

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S Place.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises	Sun sets	Sun sets	
			h. m. 3. 0.		m. h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	
Saturday	1 Suidbert	Luke 18: 1-30	8 32 14	Arctur rises 8 12	13 6	25 5	35 17	
9]	1st Sunday in Lent,	Matthew 4: 1-11; 2Cor. 6: 1-10.		Day's Length, 11 hours 12 min.				
Sunday	2 John Wesley	Luke 18: 31-19; 1-28	9 39 27	6 ♀. ♀ sets 9 28	12 6	24 5	36 18	
Monday	3 Balthilde	" 19: 29-20; 1-18	10 42 10	N. rises 4 48	12 6	23 5	37 19	
Tuesday	4 George Wishart	" 20: 19-21; 1-4	11 45 22	3. 2 south 10 44	12 6	21 5	39 20	
Wednesday	5 Emberday	" 21: 5-35	morn. 4	5th. ♀ rises 10 44	12 6	20 5	40 21	
Thursday	6 Fridolin	" 22: 1-30	12 44 16	Spica rises 8 44	11 6	19 5	41 22	
Friday	7 Perpetua	" 22: 31-71	1 42 28	♀ in Perihelion	11 6	17 5	43 23	
Saturday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 23:	2 38 10	Sirius south 7 24	11 6	16 5	44 24	
10]	2d Sunday in Lent.	Matthew 15: 21-28; 1 Thess. 4: 1-8.		Day's Length, 11 hours, 30 min.				
Sunday	9 Cyrillus	Mark 10: 32-52	3 29 21	6 ♀ H. Rigel sets 11 20	11 6	15 5	45 25	
Monday	10 40 Marts at Sebastae	" 11:	4 14 3	N. rises 4 30	[10 14	10 6	13 5	47 26
Tuesday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 12:	4 54 15	5 in apo. 6 ♀ 2. 2 so.	10 6	12 5	48 27	
Wednesday	12 Greg. the Great	" 13:	5 20 28	♀ in Perihelion	10 6	11 5	49 28	
Thursday	13 Rudericus	" 14: 1-54	5 51 11	♀ sets 9 38	10 6	10 5	50 M	
Friday	14 Matilda	" 14: 55-15; 1-15	5 rises. 24	14th. Orion so. 6 10	9 6	8 5	52 2	
Saturday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 15: 16-47	7 30 7	Wega rises 10 8	9 6	7 5	53 3	
11]	3d Sunday in Lent.	Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9.		Day's Length, 11 hours, 48 min.				
Sunday	16 Heribert	Matth. 20: 17-33	8 31 21	N. rises 4 10	9 6	6 5	4 4	
Monday	17 St. Patrick	" 21:	9 32 5	♂ rises 10 18	8 6	4 5	56 5	
Tuesday	18 Alexander	" 22:	10 43 19	6 ♀. ♀ gr. Elong East	8 6	3 5	57 6	
Wednesday	19 Mary & Martha	" 23:	11 54 3	3 ♀. ♀ sets 6 59	8 6	1 5	59 7	
Thursday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 24: 1-31	morn. 17	○ enters ♀ D. and N. equal	8 6	0 6	0 8	
Friday	21 Benedict	" 24: 32-51	12 58 1	21st. S. commen's	7 5	59 6	1 9	
Saturday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 25:	1 58 15	♀ sets 9 46	7 5	57 6	3 10	
12]	4th Sunday in Lent.	John 6: 1-15; Gal. 4: 21-31.		Day's Length, 12 hours 8 min.				
Sunday	23 Wolfgang	Matth. 26: 1-13	2 59 29	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N. 6 ♀ N.	7 5	56 6	4 11	
Monday	24 Florentius	" 26: 14-35	3 51 13	N. rises 3 50	6 5	55 6	5 12	
Tuesday	25 Ann. V. Mary	" 26: 36-56	4 35 27	2 south 9 34	6 5	53 6	7 13	
Wednesday	26 Lindger	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	5 9 11	5 in per. ♀ Stationery	6 5	52 6	8 14	
Thursday	27 Rupertus	" 27: 3-31	5 36 25	Orion sets 11 48	5 5	51 6	9 15	
Friday	28 John Von Goch	" 27: 32-50	5 sets. 9	28th. ♀ rises 10 0	5 5	49 6	11 16	
Saturday	29 Eustatius	" 27: 51-56	7 39 22	6 ♀. ♀ gr. Hel. N.	5 5	48 6	12 17	
13]	5th Sunday in Lent.	John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15.		Day's Length, 12 hours, 26 min.				
Sunday	30 John Heermann	John 11:	8 49 5	6 gr. Brilliancy	4 5	47 6	13 18	
Monday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 12:	9 59 18	♀ ♀. ♀ sets 9 48	4 5	45 6	15 19	

**MOON'S PHASES.**

First Quarter, 5th day, 8 o'clock, 24 min. Evening.  
 Full Moon, 14th " 12 " 42 " Morning.  
 Last Quarter, 21st " 5 " 17 " Evening.  
 New Moon, 23th " 7 " 52 " Morning.

**CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.**

1, snow; 2, 3, N. W. cold; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, fair; 8, cloudy with snow; 9, 10, 11, N. W. cold; 12, 13, 14, rain and snow; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, N. W. cold; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, equinoctial storm; 24, cloudy; 25, 26, rain; 27, 28, variable. 29, rain; 30, 31, fair.

## MARCH.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

One leading characteristic of Christianity is its missionary life and spirit. No heathen religion ever tried to spread itself as Christianity does. Whatever missionary effort even Mohammedanism makes, has been learned from Christianity. Even the Jewish Church sent out no missionaries. It was Christ who first said, "Make disciples of all nations."

Christianity has this missionary spirit and activity, because it is the only true religion, and must conquer the world to itself. Therefore no true Church can be without this missionary spirit, which is the spirit of the Master Himself.

In the papers of other denominations, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Moravian, and United Brethren, you read of their missionary work in Greece, Asia Minor, Africa, India, China, Japan, and other lands!

But where are our foreign mission stations? What are we doing toward making "disciples of all nations?" Church pride would be a very low motive moving us to so sacred a work; but surely if neither love for souls, nor anxiety for the spread of the Lord's kingdom can move us, *something* should make us engage in this great work in the foreign field.

Has all the foreign missionary spirit of 1840-1860 died out? We are wronging ourselves and our Lord by doing nothing in this work.

True, we have a small fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, the interest of which is annually paid to the German Evangelical Mission Society in the United States,\* together with such sums as our people may give to foreign missions (a very small sum indeed!).

But this, alas! is the whole of our foreign missionary activity! Oh let us awake to renewed interest in this great work!

### THE TERCENTENARY MONUMENT.

If you want to know the history of the Reformed Church from the beginning, all about her catechism, customs and spirit, read this book. It was published soon after our tercentenary celebration in 1863, and contains a rich store of instruction.

\* This Society operates in East India. One of our ministers, Rev. O. J. Lohr, is in its employ, but not by our sending or by our support. So in regard to Rev. Dr. B. Schneider, of Aintab, Syria, sent by the American Board of Foreign Missions.

### SITTING DURING PRAYER.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1849, adopted the following resolution:—

"While the posture of standing in public prayer, and that of kneeling in private prayer, are indicated by example in the Scripture, and the general practice of the ancient Christian Church,—the position of sitting in public prayer is nowhere mentioned, and by no usage allowed, but on the contrary was universally regarded by the early Church as heathenish and irreverent. Therefore this Assembly resolve, that the practice in question be considered grievously improper, wherever the infirmities of the worshipers do not render it necessary; and that ministers be required to reprove it with earnest and persevering admonition."

### THE WEATHER TABLE.

"Mr. Store-keeper, this Reformed Almanac does not give true statements about the weather. I watched the weather table for weeks this summer, and half the time it was not correct."

"You forget, my friend, that this Almanac is made to suit very many counties and even several states, both East and West. Now, though it was cloudy with you, when the Almanac called for clear, or cold and stormy when it called for calm and fair, you must remember that it may have been clear, calm and fair, fifty or several hundred miles from you. It could not be made to suit only one district. But you may be sure it always hits somewhere!"

"Now one word more," said the store-keeper; "pay less attention to what the Almanac says about the weather, and more to what it says about Missions, Education, our Institutions and other Church matters, and you will be better off. It can tell you more truly about these things than about the weather."

### THE DOXOLOGY.

"Why not sing the last verse of the hymn as a doxology," said a minister to one of our own. Simply because it is not a doxology. You can see this by comparing it with the doxologies given at the close of the book. They are ascriptions of praise to the Trinity.

APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S	Moon's Place. h. m. 3 0	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises	Sun sets	Sun sets	○
						m. h. m.	m. h. m.	m. h. m.	○
Tuesday	1 Fritigild	John 13: 1-30	10 58	0	Ω. N. rises 3 16	☽	4 5	44 6	16 20
Wednesday	2 Theodosia	" 13: 31-14:	11 44	12	☽ south 8 58	☽	4 5	43 6	17 21
Thursday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	" 15:	morn.	24	Antares rises 11 10	☽	3 5	41 6	19 22
Friday	4 Ambrose	" 16:	12 41	6	☽ 4th. ♀ sets 9 46	☽	3 5	40 6	20 23
Saturday	5 Christ. Scriver	" 17:	1 35	17	☽ 6 ♀ ○ Inf. 6 ☽ H.	☽	3 5	39 6	21 24

14] *Palm Sunday,* John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-10. *Day's Length, 12 hours 44 min.*

Sunday	6 Albert Durer	Lam. Jeremiah	2 22	☽ 29	N. rises 2 54	☽ 18 37	2 5	38 6	22 25
Monday	7 Olaus Peterson	Heb. 8:	3 10	☽ 11	☽ in apo. 6 ☽ 24. 4 so.	☽ 2 5	37 6	23 26	
Tuesday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	" 9:	3 40	☽ 23	H. stationary	☽ 2 5	35 6	25 27	
Wednesday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 10:	4 8	☽ 6	☽ rises 9 30	☽ 1 5	34 6	26 28	
Thursday	10 Maunday Thurs.	John 6:	4 39	☽ 19	Sirius sets 10 24	☽ 1 5	33 6	27 29	
Friday	11 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49	5 20	☽ 2	☽ Regulus south 8 40	☽ 1 5	31 6	29 30	
Saturday	12 Sabas	Heb. 4:	☽ rises	☽ 16	☽ 12th. ♀ sets 9 44	☽ 0 5	30 6	30 31	

15] *Easter Sunday,* John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11. *Day's Length, 13 hours 2 min.*

Sunday	13 Easter Sunday	John 20: 1-18	7 59	☽ 0	N. rises 2 26	☽ 0 5	29 6	31	A
Monday	14 Easter Monday	Luke 24: 1-12	8 58	☽ 14	♀ stationary	☽ sun 5	2 6	32	2
Tuesday	15 Simon Dach	Acts 2: 22-47	9 40	☽ 29	☽ Neptune ○	☽ fast 5	27 6	33	3
Wednesday	16 Peter Waldo	1 Cor. 15:	10 18	☽ 14	☽ rises 9 0	☽ 0 5	25 6	35	4
Thursday	17 Mappalicus	Romans 6:	10 52	☽ 28	☽ stationary	☽ 1 5	24 6	36	5
Friday	18 Luther at Worms	" 8:	11 46	☽ 12	☽ stationary	☽ 1 5	23 6	37	6
Saturday	19 Melanchthon	1 Cor. 3:	morn.	☽ 26	♀ sets 9 24	☽ 1 5	21 6	39	7

16] *1st Sunday after Easter,* John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-10. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday	20 John Bugenhag	John 1:	12 42	☽ 10	☽ 20. 6 ☽ N. ○ en. ♀	☽ 1 5	20 6	40	8
Monday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 2:	1 31	☽ 24	☽ H. ○	☽ 1 5	19 6	41	9
Tuesday	22 Origen	" 3:	2 10	☽ 8	□ N. ○	☽ 2 5	18 6	42	10
Wednesday	23 Adalbert	" 4:	2 56	☽ 21	☽ in per. ♀ rises 8 40	☽ 2 5	17 6	43	11
Thursday	24 Wilfrid	" 5:	3 58	☽ 5	☽ ☽ N. rises 1 40	☽ 2 5	15 6	45	12
Friday	25 Mark, Ev.	" 6: 1-40	4 59	☽ 18	☽ in Aphelion	☽ 2 5	14 6	46	13
Saturday	26 Trudpert	" 6: 41-71	☽ sets.	☽ 1	☽ 26th. ♀ south 7 35	☽ 2 5	13 6	47	14

17] *2d Sunday after Easter,* John 10: 12-16; 1 Peter 2: 21-25. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 36 min.*

Sunday	27 Otto Catelin	John 7:	8 0	☽ 14	♀ ☽ ○. 6 ♀ ♀	☽ 2 5	12 6	48	15
Monday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 8: 1-30	8 58	☽ 26	♀ sets 8 1	☽ 3 5	11 6	49	16
Tuesday	29 L. von Berquin	" 8: 31-59	9 42	☽ 8	♀ Orion sets 9 48	☽ 3 5	10 6	50	17
Wednesday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 9:	10 36	☽ 20	Sirius sets 9 8	☽ 3 5	9 6	51	18

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th day, 1 o'clock, 34 min. Afternoon.

Full Moon, 12th " 4 " 50 " "

Last Quarter, 20th " 12 " 45 " Morning.

New Moon, 26th " 5 " 40 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable with showers; 4, 5, thunder; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, cloudy; 10, 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, variable; 18, cloudy; 19, fair; 20, 21, showers; 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, thunder showers; 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, 30, growing weather.

## EASTER JOY.

On the resurrection of Christ depends the salvation of men. Without it we would have no hope (1 Cor. 15: 17-19). This accounts for the rejoicing of the Church on Easter Morning.

After passing in full sympathy with her blessed Lord through the solemnity and sorrow of Passion Week, seeing His agony, death, and burial, she is prepared on Easter morning with ecstatic joy to cry out, "The Lord is risen indeed!"

And also, since His resurrection is the pledge of our blessed resurrection, and Himself makes our resurrection to depend upon receiving His true body and blood (John 6: 54-58), therefore on Easter morning the Lord's Supper is celebrated in most of our churches. This has been so since the time of the Reformation. So may it always be.

## PASSION WEEK.

During this "Great Week," "Silent Week," "Passion Week," "Holy Week," let the churches have service every day, if possible; if not, then let Christians spend some time of each day in reading, meditation and prayer, upon the acts and words of our blessed Lord during this sacred season.

Follow Him from Jerusalem to Bethany, from the "Upper room" to Gethsemane, from the "Judgment-seat" to Calvary, and to the grave of Joseph. Let all this both instruct and comfort you in your holy faith.

"Sweet the moments, rich in blessing  
Which before the Cross I spend."

## GOOD FRIDAY.

What meaning there was in the mocking honors which were paid to Jesus on the day of His Crucifixion!

His enemies hailed Him as King, and such He was; they robed Him in scarlet, and it became Him; they crowned Him, and the crown was upon a royal head; they gave Him a scepter, and He had authority to wield it. Yet all this they knew not. Their actions had a meaning that was not within their purpose.

Thackeray speaks of a place in Ireland where the sense of elegance was so great, that the servants brought the coals for the parlor grate upon a clean plate.

## SYSTEM IN THE PULPIT.

Our Ministers, in preaching, generally follow some order of subjects taken either from the gospels and epistles of the Church year, or from the Catechism.

This is well done, because our pulpit instruction, like any other, should be systematic, and orderly. So the child is taught in the school, point after point in its right place; so the Catechumens are instructed; so theological students. Indeed nowhere do you find so little order and system, and so much scattered, mixed, confused teaching as in the pulpits of our land—a text here and another there; one subject to day, and another quite disconnected to-morrow.

Our ministers, in selecting text or topic, generally follow an order and so carry their people through a regular course of instruction each year. Order is surely better than disorder! The gospel is not a mere bundle of texts, much less a confused list of topics.

## OUR GROWTH IN FIFTY YEARS.

The following is condensed from the *Christian World*, of Dec. 21st, 1871:—

	Ministers.	Increase in 10 years.	Increase percent.	Increase per year.
In 1820 we had.....	60			
In 1830   "   .....	99	39	.65	4
In 1840   "   .....	172	73	.73	7
In 1850   "   .....	280	108	.63	10
In 1860   "   .....	391	111	.40	11
In 1870   "   .....	548	157	.40	15
In 1871   "   .....	567			

In fifty years our ministry has increased *nine-fold*. The third column shows that (while the population of the United States has increased only about thirty per cent. every ten years) our ministry increased over sixty per cent. every ten years, for thirty years, and forty per cent. for each of the next two tens. The fourth column is also an interesting study.

Have you ever closely studied the motto of the "Reformed Church Messenger"? Mittelmass die beste strass, "that is, the middle way is the best." Extremes are not good. You can apply that motto every day of your life.

**MAY,**

**5th Month, 31 Days.**

**1873.**

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m. 3.	Moon's Place. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. Sun sl. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O
Thursday	1 Phil. and James	John 10:	11 18	2	N. rises 1 10	3 5	7 6 55	19
Friday	2 Athanasius	" 11:	11 59	14	♀ rises 4 10	3 5	6 6 54	20
Saturday	3 Monica	" 12:	morn.	25	♂ D H. ♀ gr. Elong W.	3 5	5 6 55	21
18]	3d Sunday after Easter,	John 16: 16-23; 1 Peter 2: 11-20.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 52 min.					
Sunday	4 Florian	John 13: 14:	12 29	7	4. 6 D 24. 2 s. 12 36	3 5	4 6 56	22
Monday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 15:	1 10	19	D inapo. 6 ♀ ○ inf.	3 5	3 6 57	23
Tuesday	6 John of Damasc.	" 16: 17:	1 44	2	7* sets 8 12	4 5	2 6 58	24
Wednesday	7 Otto the Great	" 18:	2 8	14	Spica south 10 20	4 5	1 6 59	25
Thursday	8 Stanislaus	" 19:	2 42	27	N. rises 12 40	4 5	0 7 02	26
Friday	9 Greg. Nazianzen	" 20:	3 6	11	Aldebaran sets 8 18	4 4	59 7	127
Saturday	10 John Heuglin	" 21:	3 40	25	6 D 6. 3 south 10 50	4 4	58 7	228
19]	4th Sunday after Easter,	John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 6 min.					
Sunday	11 John Arndt	Heb. 1: 2:	4 18	9	Sirius sets 8 26 ♀	4 4	57 7	3 29
Monday	12 Meletius	" 3: 4:	D rises.	23	12th. N. sta. □ 2 ○	4 4	56 7	4 30
Tuesday	13 Servatius	" 5: 6:	8 50	8	♀ sets 12 14	4 4	55 7	5 M
Wednesday	14 Pachomius	" 7:	9 38	23	Libræ south 11 38	4 4	54 7	6 2
Thursday	15 Moses	" 8:	10 26	8	Orion sets 8 48	4 4	53 7	7 3
Friday	16 Five Marts. at L.	" 9:	11 21	22	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	4 4	52 7	8 4
Saturday	17 Joachim of Flor.	" 10:	morn.	7	6 D N. N rises 12 12	4 4	52 7	8 5
20]	5th Sunday after Easter,	John 16: 23-33; James 1: 22-27.	Day's Length, 14 hours 18 min.					
Sunday	18 30 Marts. under Val.	Heb. 11:	12 0	21	Procyon sets 10 10	4 4	51 7	9 6
Monday	19 Alcuin	" 12:	12 44	5	19. D in per. 6 ♀ ♀	4 4	50 7	10 7
Tuesday	20 Val. Herberger	" 13:	1 22	18	○ ♀ sets 10 12	4 4	49 7	11 8
Wednesday	21 Constantine	John 14:	1 56	1	♀ sets 11 59. ○ enters □	4 4	48 7	12 9
Thursday	22 Ascension	Coloss. 2:	2 20	14	Arctur south 10 12	4 4	47 7	13 10
Friday	23 Jerome Savonar.	John 15:	2 46	27	Orion sets 7 30	4 4	46 7	14 11
Saturday	24 Augustine Cazal.	" 16:	3 8	10	6 D ♀. ♀ in ♀	3 4	46 7	14 12
21]	6th Sunday after Easter,	John 15: 26-16: 14; 1 Peter 4: 8-11.	Day's Length, 14 hours 30 min.					
Sunday	25 Augustine	1 John 1:	3 58	22	♀ stationary	3 4	45 7	15 13
Monday	26 Beda Venerabilis	" 2:	D sets.	4	26th. Ω	3 4	44 7	16 14
Tuesday	27 John Calvin	" 3:	8 40	16	♀ rises 3 5 mor. star	3 4	43 7	17 15
Wednesday	28 Lanfranc	" 4:	9 28	28	N rises 4 32	3 4	43 7	17 16
Thursday	29 David Zeisberger	" 5:	10 16	10	♀ sets 11 44	3 4	42 7	18 17
Friday	30 Jerome of Prag.	Joel 3:	11 8	22	6 D H. ♀ south 9 30	3 4	41 7	19 18
Saturday	31 Joachim Neander	John 17:	11 46	4	Spica south 8 46	3 4	41 7	19 19

(♀) Venus is the 5th Inferior conjunction with the Sun, passes from Evening to Morning Star.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th day, 7 o'clock, 31 min. Morning.  
Full Moon, 12th " 6 " 15 " Morning.  
Last Quarter, 19th " 5 " 57 " Morning.  
New Moon, 26th " 4 " 18 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, clear; 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, warm; 9, 10, 11, variable with showers; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, thunder showers; 24, 25, variable with showers; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, cloudy; 30, 31, clear.

## SPRING.

I'm very glad the Spring has come, the sun shines out so bright,  
The little birds upon the trees are singing for delight;  
The young grass looks so fresh and green, the lambs sport and play,  
And I can skip and run about as merrily as they.

The fishes in the little brook are jumping up on high,  
The lark is singing sweetly as she mounts into the sky;  
The rooks are building up their nests upon the great tall tree,  
And every thing's as busy and as happy as can be.

There's not a cloud upon the sky, there's nothing dark or sad;  
I jump, and scarce know what to do, I feel so very glad.  
God must be v-ry good indeed, who made each pretty thing:  
I'm sure we ought to love Him much, for bringing back the Spring.  
*Christian Friend.*

## ASCENSION DAY.

What a sweet lesson Jesus teaches us in His Ascension! It was best that He should depart in order that the Holy Ghost might come (Jno. 16: 7). So always, He takes away one joy or blessing to make room for a greater!

Thus He turns all our sorrow into joy. He takes away riches to make us desire true riches; He takes away bodily health that He may heal our souls; He calls our friends to Himself that He may draw us heavenward!

The coming of the Comforter was better than the abiding of the Saviour. God often takes what we love, in order that He may give us what is better.

## WILL YOU HELP TO DO IT?

A great work must be done in our Church this year. The Institutions at Lancaster, Pa. must be more fully endowed. Rev. John W. Steinmetz, agent for the Theological Seminary, and Rev. Calvin U. Heilman, agent for Franklin and Marshall College, are abroad in the Church, trying to interest our pastors and people in this work and gathering in the Lord's money.

Why should you help to do this work? How will the endowment of the Institutions benefit you?

Thus: From these very Institutions your pastors have come; and thankfulness should make you interested and liberal in supporting them. Also from them your future pastors will come, and self-interest demands that you uphold them. Your own sons also may need these Institutions; at least the sons of others. Therefore help to endow them.

What is the right age for a parson? A parsonage.

## THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Efforts to establish a Theological Seminary for our Church in the United States were made at an early period in our history, even long before 1800, but it was effected only in 1825, when the Seminary was opened at Carlisle, Pa., under Rev. Dr. Lewis Mayer, receiving accommodations and aid from Dickinson College. In 1829 it was removed to York, Pa., and in 1839 to Mercersburg, Pa. Dr. Mayer having resigned, Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Allegheny, Pa., was called and entered the Institution in 1840. In 1841 Dr. Rauch, President of Marshall College, died, and Dr. Nevin for a number of years had the care and control of both the College and Seminary. In 1844 Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff entered the Seminary. In 1851 Dr. Nevin resigned his position, and Dr. Schaff was left alone until 1854, when Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff was inaugurated Professor of Didactic and Practical Theology. In 1865 Dr. Schaff resigned and Rev. E. E. Higbee supplied his chair until 1866, when He was inaugurated Professor of Exegetical and Historical Theology. This position he occupied till 1871, when he resigned, and Rev. Dr. Thos. G. Apple, then President of Mercersburg College, was called to his chair.

Rev. Dr. Wolff resigned in 1863, and Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh was called to fill the vacancy. He died in 1867, and in 1868 Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart succeeded him. In 1871 the Seminary was removed to Lancaster, in order that the College and Seminary might mutually aid each other.

## HOME MISSIONS.

Thousands that of right look to us for the gospel are filling up the West; and the South, too, is a ripe field. Other Churches are pressing forward here, and why should we lag behind? To do so, is to show ourselves unworthy of our name and history. Our Church was planted in this western land by the missionary spirit of Europe; how then can we ever forget this, or to be idly ungrateful for it? Now however our missionary work promises to go rapidly forward. Besides the Board of the General Synod. Each District Synod has its own Board, and many of the Classes have Classical Boards or Committees. Missionary Conferences are held, and all are becoming more interested in the work. God speed the day of earnest activity.

JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S	Moon's Place h. m. 3.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c. 0.	s. sl. rises m. h. m.	sun sets m. h. m.	o.
22]	Whit Sunday or Pentecost,	John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11.			Day's Length, 14 hours 40 min.			
Sunday	1 Whit Sunday	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	morn.	16	6 ☽ 24. ♡ sets 11 36 ☉	3 4 40	7 20 20	
Monday	2 Whit Monday	" 5:	12 14	28	☽ in apo.	2 4 40	7 20 21	
Tuesday	3 Chlotilde	Romans 12:	12 44	10	3d. ♀ rises 2 54	2 4 39	7 21 22	
Wednesday	4 Ember day	1 Cor. 13:	1 6	23	☽ in ♀. Lib. so. 10 16	2 4 39	7 21 23	
Thursday	5 Boniface	Rom. 6: 19-7:	1 30	6	N. rises 11 1	2 4 38	7 22 24	
Friday	6 Norbert	" 8:	1 55	19	6 ☽ 6. ♀ south 8 59	2 4 38	7 22 25	
Saturday	7 Paul Gerhardt	2 Cor. 5:	2 18	2	6 ☽ stationary	1 4 37	7 23 26	
23]	Trinity Sunday,	John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.			
Sunday	8 A. H. Francke	Acts 1: 2:	2 44	17	♀ sets 11 19	1 4 37	7 23 27	
Monday	9 Columba	" 3:	3 16	1	6 ♀ ☽ superior ☽	1 4 37	7 23 28	
Tuesday	10 Fr'd. Barbarossa	" 4:	3 rises	16	10th. ♀ gr. Bril'cy	1 4 37	7 23 29	
Wednesday	11 Barnabas	" 5:	8 46	1	♀ rises 2 29 ☽	0 4 36	7 24 30	
Thursday	12 Renata	" 6:	9 48	16	Regulus sets 11 12	0 4 36	7 24 31	
Friday	13 Isaac le Febre	" 7:	10 38	1	6 ☽ N. N. rises 10 31	sun 4 36	7 24 J	
Saturday	14 Basil	" 8:	11 18	16	☽ in per. Ant's. so. 10 50	slw 4 35	7 25 2	
24]	1st Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 16: 19-21; 1 John 4: 7-21.			Day's Length, 14 hours 50 min.			
Sunday	15 W. Wilberforce	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	11 56	1	Altair south 12 10	0 4 35	7 25 3	
Monday	16 Richard Baxter	Acts 10:	morn.	15	6 south 8 15	0 4 35	7 25 4	
Tuesday	17 John Tauler	" 11:	12 20	28	17th. ♡ sets 10 54	1 4 35	7 25 5	
Wednesday	18 Pamphilus	" 12:	12 48	12	☽ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	1 4 35	7 25 6	
Thursday	19 Council at Nice	1 Pet. 2: 11-3; 1-17	1 36	25	N. rises 9 58	1 4 35	7 25 7	
Friday	20 27 Martyrs	" 3: 18-4: 16	2 0	7	♀ rises 2 24	1 4 35	7 25 8	
Saturday	21 Matt. Claudius	" 4: 17-5:	2 26	19	6 ☽ ♀. ☽ en. ☉ L. Day	1 4 34	7 26 9	
25]	2d Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-24.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.			
Sunday	22 Gottschalk	James 1:	2 56	1	☽ Summer Commences	2 4 35	7 25 10	
Monday	23 Gottfried Arnold	2 Peter 1: 12-2: 3:	3 34	18	Procyon sets 7 44	2 4 35	7 25 11	
Tuesday	24 John Baptist	James 2:	3 sets.	25	24th. 7* rises 2 2 ☉	2 4 35	7 25 12	
Wednesday	25 Augsburg Con.	" 3:	8 26	7	Regulus sets 10 30	2 4 35	7 25 13	
Thursday	26 J. Val. Andree	" 4:	9 20	19	6 ☽ ♀. ♀ south 7 56	3 4 35	7 25 14	
Friday	27 Seven Sleepers	" 5:	9 59	1	6 ☽ H. ♀ in Aphelion	3 4 35	7 25 15	
Saturday	28 Irenaeus	Jude	10 44	13	♀ rises 2 12	3 4 35	7 25 16	
26]	3d Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Peter 5: 6-11.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.			
Sunday	29 Peter and Paul	Acts 13: 1-12	11 10	25	6 ☽ 24. ♡ sets 10 22	3 4 36	7 24 17	
Monday	30 Raymond Lully	" 13: 13-52	11 56	7	☽ in apo. N. rises 9 22	3 4 36	7 24 18	

## MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 3d day, 1 o'clock, 17 min. Morning.  
 Full Moon, 10th " 5 " 0 " Afternoon  
 Last Quarter, 17th " 10 " 29 " Morning.  
 New Moon, 24th " 4 " 10 " Afternoon.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, showers; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, cloudy; 11, 12, thunder showers; 13, 14, clear; 15, rain; 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, showers; 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, rain; 24, fair; 25, thunder shower; 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, clear.

## WHITSUNTIDE.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

## THE FAULTS OF PREACHERS.

Some are too weak, and some are too strong,  
Some are too short, and some are too long;  
Some are too stout, and some are too thin,  
Some are always out, and some are always in;  
Some are too good, and some are too bad,  
Some are too grave, and some are too glad;  
Some in their clothing are too exquisite,  
Some never study, and some never visit;  
Some are too fine, and some are too plain,  
Some preach the same sermons again and again;  
Some, in spite of whatever critics may say,  
In the midst of their most solemn sermons look  
gay;  
And some, howe'er pleasing the facts they rehearse,  
Are unable to smile, and look grave as a hearse;  
Some in their business transactions are muffs,  
Some can't keep their tempers, but get into huffs;  
Some are too high, and some are too low,  
And in their first sermon tell all they know;  
Some are too humble, and some are too proud,  
Some are too faint, and some are too loud;  
Some have many faults, some have but one,  
But I never heard of one who had none.

*Zion's Herald.*

## DONATIONS.

Donations to the pastor are very nice, and often really needed by him, as well as good for the people. But, mark you, always take him such things as are serviceable, and not too much perishable matter. Be sure, too, that his salary is all paid before the donation; so that both you and he can feel, that the donation is really a kindness.

If, as is often the case, the minister must do the work of Elders and Deacons besides his own, what need has he of officers?

## A BIT OF HISTORY.

## FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

This Institution was located in Lancaster, Pa. and chartered by the Legislature in 1787. It was owned by the Reformed Church, the Lutheran Church and the Community, each one-third. It received endowments of land and money, but never became a regularly organized College. It remained, at most, a grammar school.

## MARSHALL COLLEGE.

This Institution, the first College founded by our Church in this Country, was chartered by the Legislature in 1836. It remained in Mercersburg, Pa., side by side with the Theological Seminary, till 1853, when for various reasons it was removed to Lancaster, Pa.

## FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

The Lutheran Church having sold us their third right in Franklin College, and the Community of Lancaster having donated its third, the Reformed Church came into full possession of Franklin College. Accordingly in 1853 the two above named Institutions were united, and called Franklin and Marshall College.

The first President of Marshall College was Rev. Fredk. A. Rauch, D. D. At his death in 1841, Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D. succeeded him till 1853, when the Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D. became President of the new Institution. He held this position till 1867, when he was succeeded by Rev. Dr. Nevin, who is the present incumbent.

## THE MERCERSBURG REVIEW.

This solid old quarterly was first published at Mercersburg from 1849 to 1852; then at Chambersburg from 1853 to 1861. From 1862 to 1866, inclusive, there was no issue. In 1867 it was revived, and published at Philadelphia.

It is valuable, not only to Ministers, but also to the membership of the Church. It discusses the great questions of the day, especially those relating to the Christian Church and the Christian life; and often a single number will contain matter, which you could not find in an ordinary book of five times as many pages. Far more of our people should get the Mercersburg Review.

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. m. Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	S. O.
Tuesday	1 H. Voes	Acts 14:	morn.	19	○ in Apogee	3 4 36	7 24	19
Wednesday	2 Visit Vir. Mary	" 15:	12 10	2	2d. Antares so. 9 34	4 4 36	7 24	20
Thursday	3 Otto, Bishop	" 16:	12 42	15	δ ♀ H.	4 4 37	7 23	21
Friday	4 Independence	" 17: 1-14	1 9	28	δ ♀ δ. δ south 7 46	4 4 37	7 23	22
Saturday	5 Lord Cobham	" 17: 15-18: 11;	1 44	11	♀ rises 1 59	4 4 37	7 23	23
27]	4th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.					
Sunday	6 John Huss	1 Thess. 1:	2 20	25	♀. N rises 8 55	4 4 38	7 22	24
Monday	7 Willibald	" 2: 1-16	2 53	9	Spica sets 11 36	4 4 38	7 22	25
Tuesday	8 Kilian	" 2: 17-3:	3 20	25	♀ sets 9 50	5 4 38	7 22	26
Wednesday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 4:	3 45	10	Regulus sets 9 30	5 4 39	7 21	27
Thursday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 5:	4	25	10th. δ ♀ N.	5 4 39	7 21	28
Friday	11 Placidus	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	9 4	10	Altair south 12 22	5 4 40	7 20	29
Saturday	12 Henry II.	" 2: 13-3	9 46	25	δ in per. ♀ in ♀	5 4 40	7 20	30
28]	5th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Peter 3: 8-15.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.					
Sunday	13 Eugenius	Gala. 1: 1-10	10 16	10	♀ rises 1 48	5 4 41	7 19	J
Monday	14 Bonaventura	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	10 46	24	♀ gr. Elong. West	6 4 42	7 18	2
Tuesday	15 Answer	Galatians 1: 11; 2: 1-14	11 4	8	Sirius rises 4 56	6 4 42	7 18	3
Wednesday	16 Anna Askow	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	11 43	21	16. ♀ gr. Elong. E.	6 4 43	7 17	4
Thursday	17 Speratus & 11 co.	" 3: 15	morn.	4	♀ sets 8 6	6 4 44	7 16	5
Friday	18 Arnulf	" 4:	12 16	16	♀ sets 9 15	6 4 45	7 15	6
Saturday	19 Louisa Henri'tta	" 5: 6:	12 48	28	Ω. Dog Days begin	6 4 45	7 15	7
29]	6th Sunday after Trinity,	Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11.	Day's Length, 14 hours 28 min.					
Sunday	20 John Marteilhe	1 Cor. 1:	1 34	10	δ ♀. ♀ gr. Hel. L. S.	6 4 46	7 14	8
Monday	21 Eberhard	" 2:	2 10	22	Π Neptune ○. ♀ N. ○	6 4 47	7 13	9
Tuesday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 3: 4: 1-4	2 36	4	♀ in Aphe. ○ en. Ω	6 4 48	7 12	10
Wednesday	23 Godfr.v. Hamelle	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	3 12	16	♀ rises 1 38	6 4 48	7 12	11
Thursday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 5: 9-6:	3 28	24	24th. δ ♀ H.	6 4 49	7 11	12
Friday	25 St. James	" 7:	8 15	10	○ N. south 11 52	6 4 50	7 10	13
Saturday	26 Christopher	" 8: 9:	8 47	22	δ ♀. ♀ sets 8 46	6 4 51	7 9	14
30]	7th Sunday after Trinity,	Mark 8: 1-9: Rom. 6: 19-23.	Day's Length, 14 hours 16 min.					
Sunday	27 Raym. Palmarius	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	9 34	4	δ in ap. Pollux sets 8 18	6 4 52	7 8	15
Monday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 11: 2	10 12	16	Arctur sets 12 56	6 4 53	7 7	16
Tuesday	29 Olaus	" 12: 1-30	10 40	28	δ H ○. ♀ stationary	6 4 53	7 7	17
Wednesday	30 John Wessel	" 12: 31-13:	11 20	11	Wega south 9 54	6 4 54	7 6	18
Thursday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 14:	11 52	24	7* rises 1 28	6 4 55	7 5	19

(♀) Saturn is the 2d in opposition with the Sun, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 2d day, 6 o'clock, 8 min. Evening.  
 Full Moon, 10th " 1 " 31 " Morning.  
 Last Quarter, 16th " 3 " 55 " Afternoon.  
 New Moon, 24th " 5 " 31 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm with showers; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, 8, sultry; 9, 10, thunder showers; 11, 12, fair; 13, cloudy; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, showers; 18, 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, thunder showers; 25, 26, 27, clear and warm; 28, 29, warmest days; 30, 31, thunder showers.

## JULY.

### THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

England, from 1754-62, had an expensive war with France in regard to Canada, which so increased the national debt of England as to make additional taxation necessary.

The English government turned to the American Colonies, and tried to force upon them the noted "Stamp Act," which required all legal and business documents to be stamped, that is, a duty paid on them, in order to be binding.

This the Colonies stoutly resisted, because it was taxation without representation. The English tried to force them to obedience. This brought on the war which began at Lexington, Mass., in April, 1775. The Colonies declared themselves free and independent of the mother country on,

### THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1776.

What a pity, for the young, that so little is really made of this day! We used to have great celebrations, processions, speeches, dinners, toasts, fireworks, and other displays, which not only inspired the young with a love of country, but also taught them the meaning of the American Revolution, and impressed them with a sense of the great act of "Declaration of Independence."

What a shame, too, that more people are drunk on that day than any other of the year! How much more honor to the day and to their country, if they would even quietly stay at their work!

### OUR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Eastern Synod last year gave nearly \$46,000; the three other district Synods gave over \$21,000; in all making \$67,000 for our whole Church.

Compare this with what some other Churches give, and it looks wonderfully small. But two things must be considered: 1. These other Churches are much stronger than we in membership; 2. They in their benevolent column include many things, which we do not (Church repairs; building Churches and parsonages; donations to pastors, &c.).

Our benevolent column includes only alms given to Missions, Education, Orphan Homes, our Institutions, and other similar Church work. Perhaps we wrong ourselves by being so strict, while others are not; and yet it is only right, and God will judge us fairly, whether men do or not.

### "NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP"

#### I.

Now I lay me down to sleep!"

First beside my mother kneeling:

Through the hushed up silence deep,

Hear the double whisper stealing:

"If I die before I wake,

Pray the Lord my soul to take."

#### II.

When I lay me down to sleep,

Oh, my God! when I am dying,

Hear me pray that old-time prayer,

On my haunted death-bed lying,

From the old dreams let me wake—

"Now the Lord my soul to take."

### OUR PUBLICATIONS.

The first Hymn Books and Catechisms used in this Country were imported from Europe. The first Reformed Hymn Book published in America, was in 1744 (two years before Schlatter came), by Christian Sauri, Germantown, Pa. The first Reformed Catechism published in this Country was by Carl Cist, in 1790. Our Synodical Minutes began to be published in 1817. Our present English Hymn Book, was published in 1830. The present edition of the Heidelberg Catechism began to be published in 1840. In 1841 the Mayer Liturgy was published. In 1842 the old German Hymn Book; also Dr. Nevin's "History and Genius of the Heidelberg Catechism." In 1843, Dr. Nevin's "Anxious Bench." In 1845 Dr. Schaff's Principle of Protestantism." In 1846, Dr. Nevin's "Mystical Presence." In 1849, The Mercersburg Review was started, and in 1850, Dr. Harbaugh's "Guardian." In 1857, the Provisional Liturgy was published, and in 1859, Dr. Schaff's German Hymn Book. In 1859 Rev. George B. Russell published our first Sunday School paper, called "The Pastor's Helper," since 1865 called "Child's Treasury."

HOW WE COMPARE WITH OTHERS.—Our percentage of increase of membership is second to only one denomination in the United States,

The Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pa., was organized in 1736.

## AUGUST,

*8th Month, 31 Days.*

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. Sun sl. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets m. h. m.	Style
Friday	1 Maccabees	1 Cor. 15: 1-34	morn.	1 7	1. 6 ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 12	6 4 56	7 4 20	
Saturday	2 Mar. under Nero	" 15: 35-16:	12 16	20	☽ ☽ ☽ ris. 140 [59 ☽	6 4 57	7 3 21	
31]	8th Sunday after Trinity,	Matthew 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17.	Day's Length, 14 hours 2 min.					
Sunday	2 Wm. Thorp	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	12 56	4	☽ ☽ ☽ sets 8 22	6 4 59	7 1 22	
Monday	4 Leonard Käser	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	1 40	18	Orion rises 2 20	6 5 0	7 0 23	
Tuesday	5 Salzb'g Evang.	" 1: 23-2	2 22	2	7* rises 11 6 ☽	6 5 16	59 24	
Wednesday	6 Transfiguration	" 3: 4: 1-6	2 58	18	Antares south 7 14	6 5 26	58 25	
Thursday	7 Nonna	" 4: 7-5: 10	3 25	3	6 ☽ N. N. south 11 4	5 5 36	57 26	
Friday	8 Hornisdas	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	D rises	18	8th. Altair so. 10 34	5 5 46	56 27	
Saturday	9 Numidicus	" 7: 2	8 12	3	☽ in per Sirius rises 4 18	5 5 56	55 28	
32]	9th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 48 min.					
Sunday	10 Laurentius	2 Cor. 8:	8 44	18	☽ rises 1 42	5 5	6 6 54	29
Monday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 9:	9 8	2	☽ sets 12 48	5 5	7 6 53	30
Tuesday	12 An. of Havelb'g	" 10:	9 38	16	☽ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ☐ ☽	5 5	8 6 52	31
Wednesday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 11:	10 4	0	6 ☽ ☽ Inferior	5 5	10 6 50	A
Thursday	14 James Guthrie	" 12: 1-18	10 29	13	14th. ☽ sets 7 52	4 5	11 6 49	2
Friday	15 Assum. V. Mary	" 12: 19-13:	11 2	25	8. Arctur sc. 11 34	4 5	12 6 48	3
Saturday	16 John of Saxony	Acts 20: 1-13	morn.	7	Orion rises 1 38	4 5	13 6 47	4
33]	10th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 5-11.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 32 min.					
Sunday	17 John Gerhard	Rom. 1: 1-17	12 2	19	N. south 10 42	4 5	14 6 46	5
Monday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 1: 18-31	1 9	1	6 ☽ ☽ rises 1 45 ☽	4 5	15 6 45	6
Tuesday	19 Sebaldus	" 2:	2 10	13	Antares sets 10 48	3 5	17 6 43	7
Wednesday	20 Bernard of Clair.	" 3:	2 49	25	6 ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 12 29	3 5	18 6 42	8
Thursday	21 1st Mor. Miss.	" 4:	3 47	7	6 ☽ ☽ Spica sets 8 40	3 5	19 6 41	9
Friday	22 Symphorianus	" 5: 1-11	D sets.	19	22. ☽ sta'ny cent. ☽	3 5	20 6 40	10
Saturday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	" 5: 12-21	7 40	1	6 ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 7 20 ☽	2 5	21 6 39	11
34]	11th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 14 min.					
Sunday	24 Bartholomew	Rom. 6:	8 4	13	☽ in apo. Procyon ris. 3 1	2 5	23 6 37	12
Monday	25 Louis IX	" 7:	8 28	25	Rigel rises 12 24	2 5	24 6 36	13
Tuesday	26 Ulfilas	" 8: 1-15	8 52	8	☽ rises 1 56	2 5	25 6 35	14
Wednesday	27 Jovinian	" 8: 16-39	9 16	21	N. south 10 12	1 5	26 6 34	15
Thursday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 9: 1-13	9 43	4	☽ sets 12 16	1 5	27 6 33	16
Friday	29 John Bapt. B'd	" 9: 14-33	10 18	17	8. ☽ ☽ rises 4 32 [W.	1 5	28 6 32	17
Saturday	30 Claud. of Turin	" 10:	11 2	1	30. ☽ ☽ ☽ gr. cl.	0 5	30 6 30	18
35]	12th Sunday after Trinity,	Mark 17: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11.	Day's Length, 12 hours, 58 min.					
Sunday	31 Aidan	Rom. 11:	morn.	15	Dog Days End	0 5	31 6 29	19

## MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st day,	9 o'clock,	27 min.	Morning.
Full Quarter,	8th	8	" 50	Morning.
Last Quarter,	14th	11	" 39	Evening.
New Moon,	22d	8	" 28	Evening.
First Quarter,	30th	10	" 46	Evening.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, clear; 8, cloudy, rainy, and thunder; 9, 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, clear; 17, cloudy; 8, 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, thunder showers; 24, 25, 26, 27, warm, sultry; 28, rain; 29, 30, 31, clear.

## AUGUST.

### PREACHING FOR MONEY.

"Mr. Beckly has left us and gone to Blankville," said Elder Solid to Elder Sour.

"Why how came that? I thought he was doing great good among you.

"So he was, but the Lord has called him to greater usefulness, and we thought we should be willing to let him go."

"The Lord called him? It is indeed wonderful how the Lord calls these ministers. It is always to a larger salary; I never heard of one going to a smaller salary."

"Are you not a little unfair? You perhaps forget some things that we have talked about in the past twenty years. I have known many ministers to change without any increase of salary; others to refuse to go to a larger salary; and we have both known ministers to go even to a smaller salary. You forget these things. This very change of Mr. Beckly's is to a salary \$150 less than he got from us.

"We must speak fairly of the ministry. Many persons insist on believing, that ministers have no higher motive for change than money; indeed many persons are themselves unable to conceive of anything higher, and so put their own spirit into the actions of the minister."

### THE ELDERS AT CLASSES.

They are asked the constitutional questions (see Article 49) about the preaching, catechization, visitation, discipline and finances of their charge, but the answers often are very unsatisfactory. The Elder sometimes knows, that this or that has not been faithfully done, but does not like to say so; or he knows only about his own congregation. This is bad. He should never try to screen either pastor or people (for Classis wants to know the whole truth); nor should he say, that he does not know how this or that is in the other congregations of his charge, since he is sent to Classis for the very purpose of representing them, and it is his business to know all these facts and so to state them. Only so can he do his duty as an Elder and a Delegate.

It is wonderful to see how few congregations show real interest in the increase of the ministry by giving their own sons to the sacred office! But when they need a minister, they very gladly get one that comes from another congregation.

### WHO IS PREPARED FOR THE LORD'S TABLE?

Many persons have doubts and fears in regard to their fitness for the Holy Communion. For the benefit of such we give an extract from the "Order of Worship," page 166, which beautifully meets this difficulty.

"We cordially invite to this table all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of His Church, and who earnestly desire to possess His Spirit and to walk in His steps." Fear not, therefore, as many of you as have this mind, to embrace the joyful and glorious privilege which is here offered for your use. "Having, brethren, boldness, &c. (see Heb. x. 19-22.)

### "GROW IN KNOWLEDGE."

There is a great defect at the present day in just this point. Religious instruction is not sufficiently thorough. Christians do not care to be indoctrinated as they should. There is too little earnest study of God's word, and the doctrines of the Church. If these things were more faithfully attended to, there would not be so much backsliding, wavering, weakness of faith and indifference.

*Golden Censer.*

### FAMILY CATECHIZATION.

How much it is neglected! How sad are the consequences! Some parents call it a *trouble*—this most sacred duty of the family life! This accounts for the lamentable ignorance of children in even Christian families;—they know almost nothing about the Scriptures, the Church and the Christian life. How does this neglect square with the baptismal vow, to bring them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?"

### EPITAPH OF SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE.

Stop, Christian passer by! Stop, Child of God, And read with gentle breast. Beneath this sod A poet lies, or that which once seemed he; O, lift a thought in prayer for S. T. C.! That he, who many a year with toil of breath, Found death in life, may here find life in death! Mercy for praise—to be forgiven for fame, He asked, and hoped through Christ. Do thou the same.

## SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. 3.	Moon's Place. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets m. h. m.	O. style
Monday	1 Hanna	Rom. 12:	12 0	29	♀ rises 2 8	0 5	32 6	28 20
Tuesday	2 Mamas	" 13:	1 1	13	Sirius rises 2 46	1 5	33 6	27 21
Wednesday	3 Hildegarde	" 14:	2 10	28	δ ♀ N. N. south 9 31	1 5	35 6	25 22
Thursday	4 Ida	" 15: 1-13	3 15	13	δ ♀ ○ ♀ in Perihelion	1 5	36 6	24 23
Friday	5 John Mollio	" 15: 14-33	4 18	28	δ sets 11 52	2 5	38 6	22 24
Saturday	6 Matthias Weibel	" 16:	12	12	○ 6th. δ in per	2 5	39 6	21 25

36] 13th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 15-22. Day's Length, 12 hours, 40 min.

Sunday	7 Laz. Spengler	Acts 20:	7 17	27	Antares sets 9 40	2 5	40 6	20 26
Monday	8 Corbinian	" 21:	7 43	11	♀ rises 2 19	2 5	41 6	19 27
Tuesday	9 Lorigi Paschali	" 22: 23:	8 8	25	Rigel rises 11 38	3 5	43 6	17 28
Wednesday	10 Paul Speratus	" 24: 25:	8 36	8	δ ♀ H. 7* rises 8 50	3 5	44 6	16 29
Thursday	11 John Brenz	" 26:	9 6	21	○ Aldebaran rises 10 16	4 5	45 6	15 30
Friday	12 Dionys's Pelog'n	" 27:	9 42	3	δ sets 11 39	4 5	47 6	13 31
Saturday	13 Wm. Farel	" 28:	10 40	15	○ 13th. N. south 8 58	4 5	48 6	12 S

37] 14th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length, 12 hours, 22 min.

Sunday	14 Cyprian	Eph. 1: 1-14	11 38	27	♀ in ♀. ♀ gr. H.L.N. ☐	5 5	49 6	11 2
Monday	15 Ar. v. Grumb'h	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	morn. 5	9	δ ♀ 2. Arctur sets 9 48	5 5	50 6	10 3
Tuesday	16 Euphemia	" 2: 11-3:	12 39	21	Orion rises 11 48	5 5	52 6	8 4
Wednesday	17 Ember Day	" 4: 1-17	1 59	3	δ δ H. ♀ rises 2 30	6 5	53 6	7 5
Thursday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	" 4: 18	2 57	15	Pollux rises 12 6	6 5	54 6	6 6
Friday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 5: 6: 1-9	3 55	27	δ sets 11 28	6 5	56 6	4 7
Saturday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 6: 10	4 59	9	δ in apo. δ 2	7 5	57 6	3 8

38] 15th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25-6: 10. Day's Length, 12 hours 4 min.

Sunday	21 Matthew	Colos. 1:	δ sets.	22	21st. δ ♀	7 5	58 6	2 9
Monday	22 Mauritius	" 2: 3: 1-4	6 58	5	○ en. ☐ Day & N. ual	7 6	0 6	0 10
Tuesday	23 5 Mar. of Gen'a.	" 3: 5-4:	7 26	18	Autumn Commences	8 6	1 5	59 11
Wednesday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	Philemon	7 54	1	δ ♀ ○ superior	8 6	2 5	58 12
Thursday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	Philip 1: 1-26	8 28	14	♀ rises 2 56	8 6	3 5	57 13
Friday	26 Lioba	" 1: 27-2:	9 8	28	N. south 8 6	9 6	5 5	55 14
Saturday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 3: 4:	9 50	11	Sirius rises 1 22	9 6	6 5	54 15

39] 16th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 13-21. Day's Length, 11 hours 46 min.

Sunday	28 A. Clarenbach	1 Tim. 1:	10 39	25	δ δ . δ sets 11 0 ☐	9 6	7 5	53 16
Monday	29 St. Michael	" 2:	11 26	9	○ 29th. N. south 7 49	10 6	8 5	52 17
Tuesday	30 Jerome	" 3: 1-13	morn. 22	22	○ N. station'y δ N.	10 6	10 5	50 18

(24) Jupiter is the 4th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

## MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 6th day, 4 o'clock, 7 min. Afternoon.

Last Quarter, 13th " 10 " 38 " Morning.

New Moon, 21st " 12 " 48 " Afternoon.

First Quarter, 29th " 9 " 54 " Morning.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, showers; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, 16, pleasant; 17, cloudy; 18, 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, thunder showers; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, cloudy; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, cloudy and variable.

## SEPTEMBER.

### A CHAPTER ON ALMS-GIVING.

#### THE NATURE OF ALMS-GIVING.

It is worship; honoring the Lord with our substance (Prov. 3: 9); our gold and our prayers (Ps. 72: 15; Matt. 6: Acts 10: 4). It is the fruit of our Christian life; a test of the sincerity of our love (2 Cor. 8: 8); and a Christian grace in which we shall "abound" (2 Cor. 8: 7).

#### THE NEED OF ALMS-GIVING.

We need it, to prove our love and to develop our Christian life; but we may reverently say, that God also needs our alms. He works through means, and the means come from His people. The gospel must be preached by men, and these must be supported; hence "Missions" and "Beneficiary Education." The Church must provide for the poor; hence "Orphan Homes." Also, educate her young people; hence Colleges and Seminaries. God could do many things by miracles; but He does not, He works through means. He has given His people brains, money and grace. These they are to use in carrying forward His work.

"God wants our hearts, not our money," said a good old man to his pastor. "God wants our hearts *and* our money," said the minister, and pointed him to the passages given above.

#### THE BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING.

"I never knew how it was," says Baxter, "but I always received the most when I gave the most away."

This simply corresponds with God's promises to the liberal giver. He will bless us in all our works (Deut. 15: 10); pay us back all we give (Prov. 19: 17); even much more (Prov. 11: 24, 25; Mal. 3: 10-12).

Giving is more blessed than receiving (Acts 20: 35). See also, Is. 58: 10, 11. We must never give simply for the sake of this reward; though while giving from love to Christ and His people, we may yet confidently expect it.

A Christian merchant says: "The more I give, the more I seem to have."

Says a pastor: "During my second year, I gave out of my small salary \$25.00 toward our church work; in less than a year afterward, I had received from unexpected sources more than five times that sum! The same has often happened since."

Is not all this simply the fulfillment of Prov. 3: 9, 10? Is it wonderful, that God does what He promises?

#### THE CURSE OF NOT GIVING.

Read it in Haggai 1: 5-11, and Mal. 3: 8-11. Is it not fearful? Do you really believe God means what He says? Then why not give more freely?

A shower of rain withheld from the farmer's corn in earing time, may keep back hundreds of extra bushels; how easy for God to withhold it! A little spark in the merchant's goods may soon destroy a thousand dollars, which he has kept back from the Lord's work! Twenty dollars may seem too much to give to missions; but by a little mildew on your grapes, God teaches you how to lose forty. *If you can bear losses, why not also bear gifts?* God wants you to give \$500 or \$1000 to the Institutions of the Church, but you refuse; by a quiet, unexpected turn of affairs—that is, of God's providence—He teaches you how to give twice that sum to fire, water, burglary, or the debtor column!

A certain man while poor, gave one-tenth of his income to the Lord, and found it easy; but during the war he became partner in a hominy mill, which supplied the army. Soon his income was three hundred dollars per day. Now came a terrible conflict; "Can it be possible, that it is my duty to give away thirty dollars a day?" The sum seemed to appal him; and one night, after a severe struggle, in which covetousness gained the mastery, he sank into a troubled sleep, but soon awoke to see the hominy mill in a thousand flames! He has never since had any trouble to give one-tenth.

So God by sickness teaches men how much time and money they might spare for His service. See how all these facts explain and illustrate God's statement of the curse in Haggai 1: and Mal. 3: 1.

Both the blessing and the curse include also spiritual enriching and loss; but of these we will not speak.

#### EXCUSES FOR NOT GIVING.

"Too poor." Perhaps just because you do not give (Lk. 6: 38); but even the widow gave out of her poverty! From the poor God demands but little; but He does demand *that*.

"In debt." So you might always be and never give anything. Do you owe the Lord nothing? or does it not matter when you pay Him? Why be so conscientious only in regard to man?

# OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	○
Wednesday	1 Remigius	1 Tim. 3: 14-4: 10	12 12	8	♀ rises 3 15	10 6	11 5	49 19	
Thursday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 4: 11-5: 16	1 28	23	♂ sets 10 50	11 6	12 5	48 20	
Friday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 5: 17	2 45	7	♀ sets 11 58	11 6	13 5	47 21	
Saturday	4 Franciscus	" 6:	3 59	21	Sirius rises 12 55	11 6	15 5	45 22	

40] 17th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-16. Day's Length, 11 hours, 28 min.

Sunday	5 Petro Carnesec.	Titus 1:	5 12	5	♂ in per.	12 6	16 5	44 23	
Monday	6 Henry Albert	" 2:	6 rises	19	6th. ♀ rises 4 8	12 6	17 5	43 24	
Tuesday	7 Theodore Beza	" 3:	6 40	3	7* rises 7 22	12 6	19 5	41 25	
Wednesday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	2 Tim. 1:	7 10	15	♀ in ♀ Rigel rises 9 44	12 6	20 5	40 26	
Thursday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 2:	7 42	29	Ω. ♀ rises 3 29	13 6	21 5	39 27	
Friday	10 Justus Jonas	" 3:	8 17	11	♂ sets 10 36	13 6	23 5	37 28	
Saturday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 4:	8 59	23	Altair south 6 32	13 6	24 5	36 29	

41] 18th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Day's Length, 11 hours 10 min.

Sunday	12 Henry Bullinger	Heb. 1:	9 48	5	N. sets 11 32	13 6	25 5	35 30	
Monday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 2:	10 46	17	13th. Arc. sets 8 10	14 6	27 5	33 0	
Tuesday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 3: 4:	11 42	29	♂ H. ♂ ♀	14 6	28 5	32 2	
Wednesday	15 Aurelia	" 5:	morn.	11	Formal south 9 29	14 6	29 5	31 3	
Thursday	16 Gallus	" 6:	12 40	23	♀ rises 3 44	14 6	31 5	29 4	
Friday	17 Rev. Edi. of Nan.	" 7:	1 48	5	♂ in apo. ♀ rises 3 49	15 6	32 5	28 5	
Saturday	18 St. Luke	" 8:	2 59	17	♂ ♀ ♀ in Perihelion	15 6	33 5	27 6	

42] 19th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 10 hours, 52 min.

Sunday	19 Bruno	Heb. 9: 1-14	3 58	0	□ N. ○. ♂ sets 10 20	15 6	34 5	26 7	
Monday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 9: 15	4 59	13	♂ Neptune ○	15 6	36 5	24 8	
Tuesday	21 Hilarion	" 10: 1-18	D sets.	26	21st. N. sets 11 18	15 6	37 5	23 9	
Wednesday	22 Hedwig	" 10: 19-39	6 10	10	♂ ♀. Al. r. 7 44	15 6	38 5	22 10	
Thursday	23 Henry Martin	" 11:	6 49	24	○. ○ enters ♀	16 6	39 5	21 11	
Friday	24 Arethas	" 12:	7 48	8	Orion rises 9 24	16 6	41 5	19 12	
Saturday	25 John Herz	" 13:	8 58	22	♀ rises 4 8	16 6	42 5	18 13	

43] 20th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 22: 1-14; Eph. 5: 15-21. Day's Length, 10 hours, 34 min.

Sunday	26 Frederick III.	Prov. 1: 2:	9 54	7	6 D ♂. ♂ sets 9 55	16 6	43 5	17 14	
Monday	27 Frumentius	" 3:	10 38	21	7* rises 6 2	16 6	44 5	16 15	
Tuesday	28 Simon and Jude	" 4:	11 28	5	28th. ♂ D N.	16 6	45 5	15 16	
Wednesday	29 Alfred the Great	" 5: 1-19	morn.	19	○ N. sets 10 56	16 6	47 5	13 17	
Thursday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 6: 20-7:	12 30	3	2♀ rises 3 0	16 6	48 5	12 18	
Friday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 8:	1 48	17	Sirius rises 11 14	16 6	49 5	11 19	

## MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 6th day, 12 o'clock, 29 min. Morning.  
 Last Quarter, 13th " 1 " 23 " Morning.  
 New Moon, 21st " 5 " 53 " Morning.  
 First Quarter, 28th " 7 " 7 " Evening.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy, rainy; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, 9, changeable; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, cloudy; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, showers; 22, 23, fair. 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, clear.

## OCTOBER.

"Things have not gone right the last year" Well, that may be explained by Hag. 1: 5-11 and Mal. 3: 8-11. Perhaps, rather, *you* have not gone right.

"I have already given much. We cannot always be giving." You forget that you have also received much, and are always receiving!

"We may not have prosperity this year." You have nothing to do with possible evils, losses, &c., yet to come. Paul says: "As the Lord *hath* prospered you," so lay by for Him; He asks you to give from past prosperity, not future.

"We do not know what is done with all our church money." That is because you do not read your church paper and the proceedings of Classes and Synods. Our church work is all spread out there, even if you do shut your eyes to it. If only you would read more about how the Kingdom is coming, you surely would do more to make it come.

### DIFFERENT WAYS OF GIVING.

Much as possible (earnestness). Little as possible (indifference). Much as others give (self-esteem). More than others give (pride). From sense of duty; self-respect; pity to the cause; love to Christ and souls.

One great evil is the habit of giving very small sums. Men pay five or ten cents for a cigar, or piece of tobacco, and no more, perhaps even less, toward the work of the Lord! Tobacco they buy almost daily, and feel comfortable; but when called on for alms they say, "You are always begging!"

This giving so small a sum is only a habit, *a bad habit*. Perhaps it comes from the expression, "penny collection." What you call a thing, that you will likely make it. Would to God the words "penny collection" had never been heard! Pennies from the poor God accepts; but from them alone.

Even at Communions, when Christians should bring a suitable thank-offering to the Lord (Deut. 16: 16), how many cast in less by far than they the month before spent upon needless luxuries! By subscription, men will give one, five or ten dollars; but into the alms basket they will cast only a little scrip. It is simply bad habit.

### DIFFERENT WAYS OF GETTING ALMS.

Every Lord's Day. This is Apostolic (1 Cor. 16: 2), and much better than yearly subscriptions and special appeals.

Get alms from all, by whatever plan you adopt. The poor as well as the rich; even servant girls, and apprentices, love their Church, and wish to show this love. Besides, all need to cultivate the Christian grace of giving. Pass none by, through either pity, fear, or delicacy.

By all means, never resort to suppers, festivals, fairs or any other worldly device, for getting Church money; but put your hand into your pocket, and pay out what the Lord needs, and He will bless you for it.

### SACRIFICE IN ALMS-GIVING.

Sacrifice is that which costs us something. A matchboy once a week, did without his dinner, in order to have six cents for the Lord's cause on Sunday. That was "a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God" (Phil. 4: 18). David would not offer to the Lord that which cost nothing (See 2 Sam. 24: 24). So should we be careful, that we feel our alms-giving, that there be some cost in them, some sacrifice of time, labor, or feeling. Therefore the poor offer to the Lord far more *sacrifices* than the rich; because the latter give of their abundance, and generally without self denial. Of what have you ever denied yourself in order to have more for the Lord?

A rich man bought 100 shares of stock at \$95 per share; in two hours sold it for \$99; and in the evening gave \$400 to missions. At the same meeting a poor woman gave \$1.50 earned that day by ten hours hard washing. Which gave a "sacrifice" of thanksgiving? How much should you give? Till you feel it.

### HOW MUCH MEN MIGHT GIVE.

Their losses teach them a lesson of large giving. Also, their outlay for luxuries of dress and appetite. See, too, what money men can spend in strife, ambition, family jealousies, and political or social interests!

How can a man who chews \$25 worth of tobacco satisfy his conscience by giving one-fifth or one-half of this amount to the support of the gospel? A man once gave \$2.00 to missions, and next day paid \$6.00 for a little dog! Men often beg off from a needy Church object, saying they can do no more; but soon you find them paying from \$40 to \$100 a year for music in the family. Might they not have given this amount to the Lord the year before?

## NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S Place. h. m. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. Sun ft. rises m h. m. h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O.
Saturday	1 All Saints	Prov. 9:	2 59 ☽ 0	☽ in per. ♀ rises 4 26 ☽	16 6 51 5 9 20		

44] 4th Sunday before Advent, Math. 9: 18-26; 1 Cor. 1: 9-14. Day's Length, 10 hours, 16 min.

Sunday	2 Victorinus	John 21: 1-23	4 2 ☽ 14	☽ ☽ ☽ sets 9 40	16 6 52 5 8 21
Monday	3 Pirminus	1 John 1: 2:	5 6 ☽ 28	♀ rises 2 42	16 6 53 5 7 22
Tuesday	4 John A. Bengel	" 3:	☽ rises 11	4th. Sirius ris. 10 56	16 6 54 5 6 23
Wednesday	5 Hans Egede	" 4:	5 49 ☽ 24	☽ ☽ Altair sets 11 32	16 6 55 5 5 24
Thursday	6 Gustav. Adolph.	" 5:	6 19 ☽ 7	Markab south 8 12	16 6 56 5 4 25
Friday	7 Willibrord	2 John	6 58 ☽ 19	N. sets 10 32	16 6 57 5 3 26
Saturday	8 Willehad	3 John	7 56 ☽ 1	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	16 6 58 5 2 27

45] 3d Sunday before Advent, Matth. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 10 hours, 2 min.

Sunday	9 John v. Staupitz	Rev. 1:	8 59 ☽ 13	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	16 6 59 5 1 28
Monday	10 Martin Luther	" 2:	10 12 ☽ 25	♀ gr. Elon. East. ☽ ☽	16 7 0 5 0 29
Tuesday	11 Martin of Tours	" 3:	11 8 ☽ 7	11th. ♀ sets 6 0	16 7 1 4 59 30
Wednesday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 4; 5; 6:	morn. ☽ 19	☽ ♀ rises 4 49	16 7 2 4 58 31
Thursday	13 Arcadius	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	12 4 ☽ 1	☽ sets 9 28	15 7 4 4 56 S.
Friday	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 9: 13-10; 11:	1 9 ☽ 13	☽ in apo. ☽ ☽ ♀ rises	15 7 5 4 55 2
Saturday	15 John Kepler	" 12: 13:	2 19 ☽ 25	H. stationary	15 7 6 4 54 3

46] 2d Sunday before Advent, Matth. 25: 31-46; 2 Thess. 1: 3-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 46 min.

Sunday	16 Casp. Creuziger	Rev. 14: 1-13	3 31 ☽ 8	☽ in Perihelion	15 7 7 4 53 4
Monday	17 Bernward	" 14: 14-20	4 50 ☽ 21	☽ ♀. ♀ rises 5 2	15 7 7 4 53 5
Tuesday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 15:	5 59 ☽ 4	N. sets 9 54	15 7 8 4 52 6
Wednesday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 16: 1-8	☽ rises 18	19th. 7* south 12 4	14 7 9 4 51 7
Thursday	20 John Williams	" 16: 9-21	5 40 ☽ 2	☽ 6 ☽ N. ♀ stat'y ☽	14 7 10 4 50 8
Friday	21 Columbanus	" 17:	6 39 ☽ 17	6 ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 1 36	14 7 11 4 49 9
Saturday	22 John Oecolampadius	" 18:	7 46 ☽ 2	☽ enters ☽	14 7 12 4 48 10

47] 1st Sunday before Advent, Matth. 25: 1-13; 2 Pet. 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 34 min.

Sunday	23 Clemens Roman.	Rev. 19: 1-10	8 54 ☽ 17	N. sets 9 26	13 7 13 4 47 11
Monday	24 John Knox	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	9 46 ☽ 1	☽ ☽ N. ☽ ☽ sets 9 16	13 7 14 4 46 12
Tuesday	25 Catharine	" 20: 4-15	10 30 ☽ 16	♀ rises 5 18	13 7 15 4 45 13
Wednesday	26 Conrad	" 21: 1-8	11 46 ☽ 1	Andromeda south 7 54	12 7 15 4 45 14
Thursday	27 Marg't Blaarer	" 21: 9-22	morn. ☽ 14	27. Arietis so. 9 46	12 7 16 4 44 15
Friday	28 Alex. Roussel	Psalm 96:	12 56 ☽ 27	☽ ♀ rises 1 14	12 7 17 4 43 16
Saturday	29 Saturninus	" 145:	2 6 ☽ 11	☽ in per N. sets 9 4	11 7 17 4 43 17

48] 1st Sunday in Advent, Matth. 21: 1-9; Rom. 13: 11-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 24 min.

Sunday	30 St. Andrew	John 1: 1-14	3 22 ☽ 24	♂ ♀ ☽ Inferior	11 7 18 4 42 18
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## MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 4th day, 10 o'clock, 46 min. Forenoon.

Last Quarter, 11th " 7 " 46 " Evening.

New Moon, 19th " 10 " 34 " Evening.

First Quarter, 27th " 3 " 10 " Morning.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, cloudy; 15, rain; 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, 24, variable; 25, rain; 26, 27, 28, fair and clear; 29, 30, variable.

## NOVEMBER.

The fact is, where there's a will there's also a way. When men are truly in earnest, they will give largely; while without interest, they will give but little.

In 1867 the theatres in New York took in \$3,000,000; that same year the whole United States paid only half that sum to Foreign Missions! The people of the United States in one year pay \$600,000,000 for tobacco, and England pays \$50,000,000; while the income of all the Missionary Societies of the whole world is less than \$5,000,000!

How will Christians answer for all this at the bar of God?

### OUR GREAT REPROACH.

How little we do give compared with what we might give! Church work drags sadly along, hindered for lack of support and often hampered with debt; while Christians hold fast to the Lord's money! A year ago, the Northern Presbyterian Board of Education had a debt of almost \$20,000. In 1872 the Baptist Mission Society was \$16,000 in debt; that of the Dutch Reformed Church, \$40,000; our own and a dozen others were in debt! Alas, Alas! What does our Lord think of these things? What do the angels think of them?

### SOME HINTS ABOUT GIVING.

Never regulate your subscription by the amount above it; give not as your neighbor gives, but as the Lord has prospered you (1 Cor. 16: 2).

Your alms-giving is for your own good, just as your praying is (1 Tim. 6: 17-19). People should give neither so little nor so carelessly as they do.

The Church is not a beggar (one that has no claim on you, and that can never pay you back). Christianity not only saves your soul, but makes all your worldly interests prosperous and stable. You owe the Church much.

Many a big heart beats above an empty purse; and many a little heart above a full one.

Why do people so much dislike sermons about money? They enjoy the subject anywhere else! Is conscience disturbed? And why are they glad to escape from giving to Church objects?

Giving alms is one way of becoming interested in Church work. Liberality is an antidote for covetousness.

In dividing your money between men and God, let not God come last, but first (Prov. 3: 9; Mat. 6: 33).

If our people were more deeply interested in our Church work, they would give more freely and cheerfully to its support. They need to know what has been done, what is now doing, and what yet needs to be done. For this they should get the Church papers.

Before you refuse to give, study Judges 5: 23. Consider also, that your money works for eternity!

"Always begging," said Mr. Light-purse! "Yes," said the Pastor, "I am always begging mercies from the Lord for you; and it is only fair I should often ask alms from you for the Lord."

### HOW THE WORLD GIVES.

Learn a lesson here. When a great work is to be done, men do not give ten cents or a few dollars, but hundreds and thousands. A railroad can be built only by subscriptions of \$100, \$500, \$5000, &c. Why does the world (yea why do Christians, in worldly interests) give so freely? Simply because they think it will pay.

But why do Christians refuse to carry on the great work of Home and Foreign Missions? Because they lack confidence in the investment. It will not pay them as other investments do. The Lord says it will, but they do not believe the Lord, and so they let His holy work drag!

With new and wide fields for missions, with twenty or fifty new candidates for the ministry, with needy Institutions, one would suppose the Church should feel itself loudly called to give largely to the Lord's work; but alas, without confidence in the investment, men will not pay. This is no compliment to the Lord! His bank is safe, and pays good interest. No credit to your profession (1 Cor. 6: 19, 20), to keep back the Lord's portion.

### KEEP YOUR CHURCH CLEAN.

How unreasonable, that God's house should be filthy, spotted, smoked and greasy! Your own parlors, on the contrary, are clean and tidy. Are you honoring God's holy place?

Then again, when the Church is clean, how dare you defile the Temple of God? If, now, you want some earnest words on this point, turn to Harbaugh's "Golden Censer," page 352.

# DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1873.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S Place. h. m. 3.	Moon's Place. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. Sun fs. rises sets m. h. m. h. m. o.
Monday	1 Eligius	Gen. 2: 4-25	4 39 ☽ 7	♀ in Perihelion	☽	11 7 19 4 41 19
Tuesday	2 Jno. Ruysbrock	Matth. 19: 1-12	5 54 ☽ 20	☽. ♀ rises 5 32		10 7 19 4 41 20
Wednesday	3 Gerhard Groot	Eph. 5: 22-33	☽ rises 2	☽ 3d. ☽ sets 8 59		10 7 20 4 40 21
Thursday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen	1 Cor. 7:	5 10 ☽ 15	☽ Regulus rises 10 34	☽	9 7 20 4 40 22
Friday	5 Crispina	Gen. 3:	5 49 ☽ 27	☽ rises 12 40	☽	9 7 21 4 39 23
Saturday	6 Nicholas	Gen. 8: 15-9: 17	6 22 ☽ 9	☽ N. sets 8 32		9 7 21 4 39 24
49] 2d Sunday in Advent,		Luke 21: 25-36; Rom. 15: 4-13.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 min.	
Sunday	7 Paulus Odontius	Acts 17: 15-34	7 12 ☽ 21	Sirius rises 8 42	8 7 22 4 38 25	
Monday	8 Martin Rinkard	Gen. 15:	8 14 ☽ 3	☽ ☽ II. Orion rises 6 20	8 7 22 4 38 26	
Tuesday	9 Benj. Schmolck	Deuteronomy 5:	9 16 ☽ 15	☽ rises 5 46	7 7 23 4 37 27	
Wednesday	10 Paul Eber	Exodus 12:	10 14 ☽ 27	☽ stationary ☽ ☽	7 7 23 4 37 28	
Thursday	11 H. v. Zutphen	Deut. 27:	11 10 ☽ 9	☽ 11th. ☽ gr. H. L. N.	6 7 23 4 37 29	
Friday	12 Spiridion	Romans 7:	morn. ☽ 21	☽ ☽ in apo. ☽ ☽ ☽	6 7 24 4 36 30	
Saturday	13 Odilia	Leviticus 16:	12 12 ☽ 3	☽ sets 8 47 [rises 12 18	5 7 24 4 36 D.	
50] 3d Sunday in Advent,		Matth. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.	
Sunday	14 Dioscorus	Is. 40: John 5:	1 14 ☽ 15	N. sets 7 41	5 7 24 4 36 2	
Monday	15 Christiana	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	2 20 ☽ 29	Arietis south 8 28	4 7 25 4 35 3	
Tuesday	16 Adelheid	2 Samuel 7:	3 26 ☽ 12	Aldebaran south 10 52	4 7 25 4 35 4	
Wednesday	17 Ember Day	Joel 3:	4 38 ☽ 26	☽ ☽. ☽. ☽ rises 11 58	3 7 25 4 35 5	
Thursday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	Jeremiah 23:	5 52 ☽ 10	☽ ☽. ☽ rises 5 59	3 7 25 4 35 6	
Friday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	" 31:	☽ sets. 25	☽ 19th. ☽ gr. E. W. ☽	2 7 25 4 35 7	
Saturday	29 Abraham	Isaiah 52: 13-53:	5 22 ☽ 10	☽ rises 6 22	2 7 25 4 35 8	
51] 4th Sunday in Advent,		John 1: 19-31; Phil. 4: 4-7.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 8 min.	
Sunday	21 Thomas	John 3: 23-36:	6 36 ☽ 25	☽ en. ☽ ☽ N. ☽	1 7 26 4 34 9	Shortest Day.
Monday	22 Hugh McKail	Isaiah 42:	7 50 ☽ 10	Winter Commences	1 7 25 4 35 10	
Tuesday	23 Anna du Bourg	" 55:	9 59 ☽ 25	☽ ☽. ☽ sets 8 39	1 7 25 4 35 11	
Wednesday	24 Adam and Eve	" 58:	10 16 ☽ 10	☽ in per. N. sets 7 0	sun 7 25 4 35 12	
Thursday	25 Christmas	Isaiah 9: 2-7; Heb. 1:	11 25 ☽ 24	☽ rises 11 32	sun 7 25 4 35 13	
Friday	26 Stephen	Psalm 2: 1-10:	morn. ☽ 8	☽ 26th. ☽ rises 6 12	1 7 25 4 35 14	
Saturday	27 St. John Evan.	Isaiah 11: 1-10	12 33 ☽ 21	☽ 7* south 9 18	1 7 25 4 35 15	
52] Sunday after Christmas,		Matth. 1: 18-25; Gal. 4: 1-7.			Day's Length, 9 hours 10 min.	
Sunday	28 Innocents	Rom. 5: Col. 1:	1 40 ☽ 4	Orion south 11 20	2 7 25 4 35 16	
Monday	29 David	Isaiah 41: 49	2 46 ☽ 17	☽. Sirius south 12 6	2 7 24 4 36 17	
Tuesday	30 christin' of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	3 51 ☽ 0	☽ sets 8 26	3 7 24 4 36 18	
Wednesday	31 John Wycliff	Psalm 90: 103:	4 54 ☽ 12	☽ rises 11 10	3 7 24 4 36 19	

## MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 3d day, 11 o'clock, 18 min. Evening.  
 Last Quarter, 11th " 4 " 51 " Evening.  
 New Moon, 19th " 1 " 47 " Afternoon.  
 First Quarter, 26th " 11 " 2 " Forenoon.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, clear; 8, cloudy, snow; 9, 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, clear cold; 17, variable with snow; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, 27, mostly clear; 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, fair.

## DECEMBER.

### CHRISTMAS MORNING.

What sacred memories round it throng;  
The angelic legion's joyful song;  
The manger where the Christ-child lay;  
The Morning Star of that bright day;  
The gifts of frankincense and gold;  
The sweetest story ever told  
Of that first Christmas Morning!

O, never, since that joyful night,  
Hath glowed the heavenly fields so bright,  
As then when o'er Judea's plains,  
Echoed the sweet angelic strains,  
Proclaiming to the sons of men  
That Christ was born in Bethlehem,  
And hallowed that bright morning.

And so, through eighteen hundred years,  
With shades of night, and mists of tears,  
Have swept across the world since then,  
When Jesus came to dwell with men;  
Still we that same sweet story tell,  
And greet with song and sound of bell!  
Each merry Christmas Morning.

Now may we all, both old and young,  
Join in the song the angels sung;  
And with the wise men from afar,  
Walk in the light of that bright Star;  
And ever worship him aright,  
Until we see the glorious light  
Of the Eternal Morning!

Mary E. Linn.

### THE EMPTY SOCKS.

I.—Last Christmas eve, three little socks  
Were plumped against the wall.  
Three little heads were tucked in bed  
That could not rest at all;  
And as the morning sun arose,  
And flooded floor and pane,  
Three pairs of feet went scampering out,  
Then scampered back again;  
But Santa Claus he caught them up,  
And kisses fell like rain.

II.—This Christmas eve a little grave  
Lies buried in the snow;  
Two little socks instead of three  
Are hanging in a row;  
Sweet Christmas bells at morning light  
Ring out a glad refrain;  
But sorrow for that little one  
I ne'er shall see again  
Bids mother clasp her other two,  
And tears they fall like rain.

### THE CLOSING YEAR.

"How time flies!" say the people, when December and January shake hands. The past year seems like only a few weeks at most. Look at the boys and girls around you, just passing into manhood and womanhood. It seems only yesterday, that you dandled them upon your knee! and those who a few years ago passed your door to school, are now active business men and sober matrons. You can hardly realize it. Well may you say, "How time flies!"

### EXCUSES FOR NEGLECTING THE LORD'S TABLE.

There are various pleas by which persons seek to justify their persistent refusal to connect themselves with the Church of Christ and commemorate His death.

I. *I can be a Christian, as well without a profession and without the Sacrament as with it.*

This is a fearful position to take. For it impeaches God's wisdom and goodness in establishing his Church. He has made its communion and ordinances the usual means of fitting souls for heaven. This excuse denies the necessity and suitableness of them for that purpose. The objector, therefore, arrays himself in opposition to the Living God.

II. *It is a solemn engagement, and I shrink from committing myself for life.*

But this feeling would not prevent you from entering into any social tie, or into a marriage union, although such a relation should involve all your interests for this world. And will you tell God, that you can trust "a worm of the dust," but that you are afraid to trust Him, who is the chief among ten thousand, and altogether lovely; Him, who is as willing as He is able to save to the uttermost all that trust in Him; Him who is as willing to carry on and to perfect as He is to begin the work of grace in their hearts; and who is able to keep that soul which is committed unto Him until the day of redemption?

III. *I fear I shall disgrace my profession.*

Say you so? Then examine your heart. There is reason to fear, that you cleave secretly to the world, and would make provision for future sin and future worldliness. You are striving to serve two masters, God and Mammon, the world and Christ. Or if this is too severe and harsh a judgment, and you are restrained by what you believe sincere and proper feelings, then they are mistaken. They lead you to look to yourself for strength to persevere, and not to Christ, who "loves to the end those whom He loves." You forget, that "He is faithful, who has promised and cannot deny Himself," and that He will "keep by His power, through faith, unto salvation," all who put their trust in Him. You forget that "neither life

nor death, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else (no possible contingency), can separate from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Either, therefore, you do not *sincerely* wish and desire to be and to live as a Christian, or you are allowing yourself to be led away by the old but still common error of "going about to establish some righteousness of your own, rather than submit and trust altogether to the righteousness of God"—to save yourself rather than to be saved.

*IV. I can discharge all the duties of a Christian and yet remain as I am.*

The blessed Saviour is of a different opinion. He says, "If any man will be my disciple, let him take up his cross and deny himself, and follow me." "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father who is in heaven. Whosoever is ashamed of me and my words, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed," &c. The first and chiefest duty of a Christian is to obey Christ; and how can any one obey Christ in the act of disobeying Him?

*V. The Lord's Supper is only an outward ordinance, and not in itself necessary to salvation.*

The answer is *first*, that were it altogether such, nevertheless love and gratitude would say, "Inasmuch as my gracious Redeemer has made this observance a mark and evidence of love, I will observe it even more scrupulously, than if it were *in and of itself* essential to my spiritual welfare." But, *secondly*, this ordinance is not wholly outward, but is a seal of the covenant, a pledge of mercy, a token of love, a means of strengthening our hearts, and a season of special presence, communion, and merciful dispensation on the part of Christ and of the blessed Comforter—it is THE LORD'S SUPPER, and as oft as we eat this bread and drink this wine, He is with us always, unto the end of the world.

*VI. I fear to seal my ruin by "eating and drinking damnation to myself."*

But the Apostle, by the word "damnation" (margin, judgment), does not mean hopeless perdition, but temporal judgment, such as sickness and death, as appears by the next verse, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep" (1 Cor. xi. 30). To eat and drink

unworthily, that is, carelessly, without desiring to commemorate Christ's atoning death, or without a firm desire and purpose to live as one of Christ's followers, is indeed a great sin, but it is not unpardonable. The blood of Jesus Christ can wash it out, and has done so often.

But if your whole trust is in Jesus, and you long to obey His dying command, draw nigh without fear. You come not to the mount covered with clouds and darkness, but to Zion, where all is love—the dying love of Him who never breaks the bruised reed. And you shall eat and drink, not damnation, but joy and peace to your soul.

*VII. I am not fit yet to go to the Lord's table.*

"You know not what spirit you are of." To say you are not fit to come to the Lord's table, is either to say, that you are sinful—which is the very reason why Christ became your Saviour, and has provided this means of grace—or, it is to say, that you do not wish to come there as a sinner, saved and sanctified altogether by grace; and in this sense it is to trust for fitness to your own righteousness, your own duties, which is a rejection of Christ. In so saying, therefore, you forget that you should come to His table, in order to show that your confidence is built upon the love and grace of God in Christ; that you may find strong consolation in reposing on Christ's infinite righteousness and merits; that you may see all your guilt and sin washed away in the fountain of Christ's blood; and that you may there renounce self, trample on all self-righteous hopes and dependence, and "being justified by faith, have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

*VIII. The service is only recommended, not commanded.*

If this were so, could any penitent refuse to comply with the slightest hint of the Lord, who bought him with His blood? But the fact is otherwise. The Saviour's words are a plain, positive command, given, indeed, only for the disciples' benefit, but none the less binding for that reason. So important was it in His view, that He communicated an account of the ordinance to the Apostle Paul, by express revelation. "For I RECEIVED OF THE LORD that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night, &c." (1 Cor. xi. 23). It is thus certain, that the command

was intended to embrace, not only those who first received it, but all who in after times should believe, even "till he come."

*IX. But I need more faith in order to go to the Lord's table.*

And where are you to get this faith but by coming to Him, who is the "author and finisher of our faith," and who has instituted this ordinance for the very purpose of increasing the faith, and peace, and love of poor and needy souls? Come then to the Lord's table, because the Lord of the table invites you there, and because He says, "Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Remember thy sins and Christ's pardoning; thy ill-deserts and Christ's merits; thy weakness and Christ's strength; thy pride, Christ's humility; thy many infirmities, Christ's restorings; thy guilt, Christ's new applications of His blood; thy failings, Christ's assistance; thy wants, Christ's fulness; thy temptations, Christ's tenderness; thy vileness, Christ's righteousness. Blessed soul! whom Christ shall thus find among the guests of His table, not having on his own righteousness (Phil. iii. 9), but having his robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. vii. 14).

CHURCH HISTORY.

Christians should more generally read Church history. It would tell them of the struggles, sorrows and victory of the early Christian Church; the need of a Reformation from the corruptions of the Roman Church; the storm which was raised in the Sixteenth Century by the Reformers; and the victory of the truth. Such reading would greatly help men to appreciate their Christian privileges.

THE CHILDREN MUST TAKE PART.

The use of the Creed and Lord's Prayer in concert, and the responsive or antiphonal reading of the Scriptures, have become very common in Sunday Schools of different denominations; almost more so than our own. Sunday School men all over the land are coming more and more to see the necessity of giving the children some active and audible part in the worship.

WHY MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE?

If a miller makes good flour, people want it, whether they like the man or not. So in all branches of business.

But in regard to the minister, it is just the reverse. No matter how well he preaches, prays and labors: it all goes for nothing, if, for any reason, a family dislikes him! Therefore Paul says (1 Thess. 5: 13), "Esteem them very highly in love for their works' sake."

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A GOOD PLAN.

Keep a strict account of all the money which your congregation pays out year by year for all church purposes: Pastor's salary, current expenses, the regular alms and any special collections, building or repair outlay, &c.

Such a record would be both useful and interesting now and hereafter. This, too, would enable you to make a yearly statement of its finances to the congregation

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Some church officers, instead of holding up the hands of the Minister (see Ex. 17: 12), stand off and throw stones at him! Great Aarons and Hurs they are!

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Ejaculatory prayer is a most excellent habit. It both brings you into frequent communion with God and the heavenly world, and also cultivates thankfulness, dependence and humility.

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Some of our people get all our Church books as they are published. You find them in these families. The children are modeled by them and taught. Wise and happy are such parents.

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The subject of union between the Lutheran and Reformed Churches was strongly agitated as early as 1833.

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Diogenes being asked, "The biting of which beast is the most dangerous?" answered: "If you mean wild beasts, 'tis he slanderers; if tame ones, the flatterers."

# SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The following table was prepared by Elder John Rodenmeyer of Baltimore. It will be valuable for reference. A similar table for the other District Synods and the General Synod will be given next year.

PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	RECORDING SECRETARY.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	COMMUNICANTS.
York,.....	September 7th, 1817.	Rev. William Hendr. D. D. *	Rev. John H. Hoffm. der. *	Rev. William Hendel.	10,233
Carlisle,.....	" 6th,	John H. Hoffm. der. *	" Ludwig Mayer, D. D. *	"	16,360
Lancaster,.....	" 1818.	" John H. Hoffm. der. *	" S. Hoffenstein, D. D. *	"	17,298
Hagerstown,.....	" 6th,	" Ludwig Mayer, D. D. *	" Lebricht L. Hinsch. *	"	14,406
Reading,.....	" 1819.	" S. Hoffenstein, D. D. *	"	"	21,304
" 24th, 1820.	"	"	"	"	16,759
Harrisburg,.....	" 30th, 1821.	Lebrecht L. Hinsch. *	Rev. J. R. Rely.	"	13,433
Baltimore,.....	" 30th, 1822.	" F. W. Vander Shout. *	"	"	11,623
Bedford,.....	" 20th, 1823.	" F. W. Vander Shout. *	Theo. L. Hoffenstein.	"	18,135
Philadelphia,.....	September 1st, 1824.	William Hendr. D. D. *	Albert Hoffenstein.	"	16,151
Frederick,.....	" 25th, 1825.	" Albert Hoffenstein. *	J. W. Dechant. *	"	12,163
York,.....	" 25th, 1826.	" Frederick. Hoffm. *	Just H. Fries, D. D. *	"	12,347
Mifflinburg,.....	" 30th, 1827.	" Suri. Hoffenstein, D. D. *	Jacob C. Becker. *	"	11,832
Lebanon,.....	" 20th, 1828.	" T. L. Hoffenstein, D. D. *	"	"	14,859
Hagerstown,.....	" 27th, 1829.	" George Wack. *	M. Bruner.	"	14,247
Harrisburg,.....	" 26th, 1830.	" James R. Rely. *	Jacob Geiger. *	"	12,056
Frederick,.....	" 25th, 1831.	" Henry B. Schaffner. *	Benj. S. Schnecks. D. D. *	"	16,088
Easton,.....	" 16th, 1832.	"	D. Wiles. D. D. *	"	10,445
Pittsburg,.....	" 26th, 1833.	" William J. Uchant. *	M. Bruner.	"	17,634
Harrisburg, (Special), September 4th, 1834.	" 14th, 1834.	" D. Wiles. D. D. *	B. S. Schnecks. D. D. *	"	16,578
Chambersburg,.....	" 14th, 1835.	" Samuel Guelius. *	N. P. Hickey.	"	17,634
Baltimore,.....	" 22d, 1836.	" M. Bruner, pro tem. *	J. C. Bucher, D. D. *	"	16,578
Sunbury,.....	" 23d, 1837.	" Daniel Zucharias, D. D. *	B. C. Wolff, D. D. *	"	13,548
Lancaster,.....	" 20th, 1838.	" M. Bruner, *	J. C. Cares. *	"	16,012
Philadelphia,.....	" 21st, 1839.	" B. S. Schnecks. D. D. *	D. Zacharias, D. D. *	"	20,011
Greenastle,.....	" 17th, 1840.	" B. C. Wolff.	S. R. Fisher, D. D. *	"	27,760
Reading,.....	" 21st, 1841.	" T. V. Hoffeditz, D. D. *	Elias Heiner, D. D. *	"	33,020
Lewisburg,.....	" 20th, 1842.	" John Cares. *	D. Zacharias, D. D. *	"	26,400
" (Special), Jan. 1843.	" 24th, 1843.	"	J. F. Mesick, D. D. *	"	26,301
Winchester,.....	" 13th, 1843.	" Joseph F. Berg, D. D. *	"	"	31,760
Allentown,.....	" 17th, 1844.	" Henry Blighians, D. D. *	J. Casper Buchet, D. D. *	"	32,272
York,.....	" 16th, 1845.	" B. S. Schnecks. D. D. *	E. V. Gerhart, D. D. *	"	36,047
Carlisle,.....	" 14th, 1846.	" Casper Bucher, D. D. *	Chas. F. McCaulley, D. D. *	"	38,639
Lancaster,.....	" 14th, 1847.	"	William A. Good.	"	35,258
Baltimore,.....	" 12th, 1848.	"	Henry Harbaugh, D. D. *	"	40,143
Norristown,.....	" 11th, 1849.	" Elias Heiner, D. D. *	J. H. A. Bonhege, D. D. *	"	40,109
Martinsburg,.....	" 10th, 1850.	" John R. Baugh. *	Theodore Apple, D. D. *	"	36,460
Lancaster,.....	" 10th, 1851.	" Albert Hoffenstein, Jr. *	J. H. A. Kremers, D. D. *	"	42,542
Baltimore,.....	" 14th, 1852.	" Moses Kiefer, D. D. *	J. N. Callender.	"	42,759
Philadelphia,.....	" 18th, 1853.	" John F. Meisels, D. D. *	Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D. *	"	46,481
Lewisburg,.....	" 17th, 1854.	" Daniel G. Douglass. *	Jacob Hassler.	"	48,159
Chambersburg,.....	" 10th, 1855.	"	Daniel Y. Heisler. *	"	49,812
Reading,.....	" 21st, 1856.	"	Benjamin Bauman, D. D. *	"	60,151
Carlisle,.....	" 21st, 1857.	"	Elias Leiner, D. D. *	"	63,757
Allentown,.....	" 19th, 1858.	" Daniel Gans, D. D. *	F. W. Kremer.	"	66,340
Frederick,.....	" 18th, 1859.	" J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. *	E. W. Kremer.	"	71,154
Harrisburg,.....	" 16th, 1860.	" Philip Schaff, D. D. *	B. Baumann.	"	66,917
Lebanon,.....	" 16th, 1861.	" John W. Nevin, D. D. *	Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D. *	"	65,392
Easton,.....	September 25th, 1861.	"	J. H. A. Bomberger.	"	66,600
Baltimore,.....	" 16th, 1862.	"	John W. Nevin.	"	67,635
Chambersburg, (Special), March 3d, 1863.	"	"	Joseph H. Dubbs.	"	68,650
Carlisle,.....	" 21st, 1863.	"	Geo. L. Saley.	"	71,046
Danville,.....	" 20th, 1864.	"	D. Goss, D. D. *	"	71,154
Lewisburg,.....	" 19th, 1865.	"	A. S. Leinbach.	"	67,821
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1866.	" 18th, 1866.	"	John Auf.	"	71,733
York,.....	" 17th, 1867.	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), October 21st, 1868.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lancaster,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lebanon,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1869.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1868.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1870.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1871.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1871.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1872.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1872.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1873.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1873.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1874.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1874.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1875.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1875.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1876.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1876.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1877.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1877.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1878.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1878.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1879.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1879.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1880.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1880.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1881.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1881.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1882.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1882.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1883.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1883.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1884.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1884.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1885.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1885.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1886.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1886.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1887.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1887.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1888.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1888.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1889.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1889.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1890.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1890.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1891.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1891.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1892.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1892.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1893.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1893.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1894.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1894.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1895.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1895.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1896.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Philadelphia, (Special), April 12, 1896.	"	"	"	"	"
Baltimore,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Harrisburg, (Special), March 3d, 1897.	"	"	"	"	"
Carlisle,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Danville,.....	"	"	"	"	"
Lewisburg,.....	"	"	"</		

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

DISTRICT SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunications, or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Benefvolent Contributions.
Eastern Synod,.....	13	279	669	86,879	43,797	8,818	5,207	797	71,733	28	980	2,992	582	37,425	\$45,561.29
Ohio Synod,.....	8	126	302	20,537	11,365	1,883	1,470	693	17,461	256	233	566	202	13,309	8,323.11
North Western Synod,.....	7	117	188	11,604	9,157	1,610	896	1,731	10,070	56	173	404	124	4,000	5,029.71
Pittsburgh Synod,.....	6	52	131	9,751	7,632	1,006	652	236	8,065		123	228	89	5,103	8,056.19
Total: Synods, 4.	34	574	1,290	128,771	71,951	13,317	8,225	3,460	107,329	340	1,514	4,190	997	59,837	\$66,970.30

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.
<i>English—</i>		
Reformed Church Messenger.....	54 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Weekly.
Christian World.....	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	"
Reformed Missionary.....	Vinton, Benton County, Iowa.....	Monthly.
The Guardian.....	54 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	"
Child's Treasury.....	" " " " " " .....	" and semi-monthly.
Mercersburg Review.....	" " " " " " .....	Quarterly.
<i>German—</i>		
Reformierte Kirchenzeitung.....	54 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Weekly.
Der Evangelist.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	"
Reformierte Hausfreund.....	Reading, Pa.....	Every other week.
Der Lämmerhirt.....	54 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Monthly.
Morgen-Stern.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	"
Reformierte Wächter.....	" " " " " " .....	"

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Butler, Butler County, Pa.....	Rev. J. B. THOMPSON.....	45

DEATH OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1871, TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1872.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
CHRISTIAN C. RUSSELL.....	1856	1857	Camden, Delaware.....	November 17th, 1871.....	44
EUGENE SAUVAIN.....			Mt. Eaton, O.....	February 11th, 1872.....	41
JOHN W. HAMM.....	1822	1822	Man hester, Ohio.....	April 3d, 1872.....	72
JOHN BIPPUS.....	1864	1864	Lees Cross Roads, O.....	May 21st, 1872.....	67
EBERHART KÜHLEN.....			Town Dahlgreen, Minn.....	July 20th, 1872.....	.....

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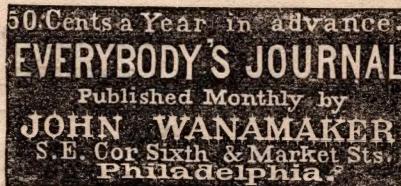
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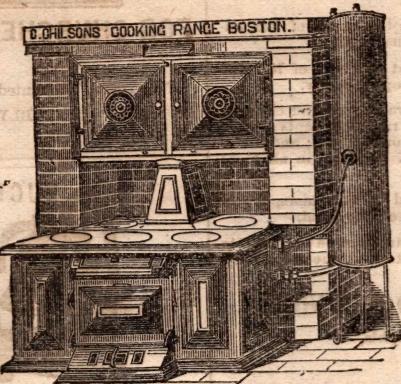
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